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# A 'Right-to-Know' Issue on Cancer

#### Imminent Marketing of Genetic Tests Sets Off Debate

By Gina Kolata New York Times Service

NEW YORK - With a speed so rapid that many medical experts are taken aback, genetic tests that can tell if a person is likely to get cancer are entering the marketplace.

Those in favor of testing say that peo-ple have a right to know if they are at increased risk and that it would be unethical to deny them such knowledge. They also say that people who harbor cancer genes may be helped by undergoing frequent screening for cancer so they could get early treatment.

But opponents counter that it is too soon, that the tests are still research tools, that it is not clear if patients will be helped or harmed by knowing their medical futures, and that in some cases it is

not clear how to interpret the test results.

The tests look for mutated genes that can enormously increase a person's risk of getting breast cancer, colon cancer, melanoma or thyroid cancer. Another gene points to an inherited predisposition to any of a variety of cancers, in-cluding breast cancer and brain tumors. The tests, which cost \$800 for the first

family member and \$250 for each additional member, involve analyses of genes obtained from blood samples or, in the case of the melanoma gene, from swab-bings of the inside of a patient's cheek.

The genes were discovered only recently. The melanoma gene was reported in September, for example, and the breast cancer gene in October. And some researchers say they are only beginning to understand the consequences of inheriting one of these genes.

Dr. Francis Collins of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, is the director of the Human Genome Project, the U.S. effort to map the entire human genetic sequence. Dr. Col-hins said the effort to market the genetic tests was "alarming."

"We are talking about treading into a territory which the genetics community has felt rather strongly is still research," he said. "Unanimously, the professional genetics community, the Human Ge-nome Council, and the National Breast Cancer Coalition, have stated that these tests should not now be made available."

Dr. Neil Holtzman, head of the genetics and public policy studies department at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in

Baltimore, said that "this is a critical issue" and that "it is already getting out

But Fred C. Follmer, chief financial officer of the Preferred Oncology Network in Atlanta, a national association of hundreds of private cancer specialists, said the critics "had better get ready for

The tests, he said, are already here. His group has signed an agreement with OncorMed Inc., a biotechnology company in Gaithersberg, Maryland, that will perform the tests. OncorMed also has advertised to the said of the sa tised to doctors outside the network that it can now test patients for cancer genes. Members of the oncology network will begin offering the tests within a month.

Dr. Timothy Triche, chief executive officer at OncorMed and chief of pathology at Children's Hospital in Los Anges, says that he recognizes the controversy but that it is too late to stop the

He said that because one test in particular, the one for the breast cancer gene, has become so contentions, the company will initially refer women who want it to a consortium of doctors at medical cen-



BRUSSELS — The European Union suspended fisheries negotiations with Canada on Monday after the fishing war flared again when Canadian patrol boats cut the nets of a Spanish trawler in international

waters off Newfoundland. "There can be no negotiations until Canada stops unilateral actions on the high seas," an EU spokesman said in Brus-

Madrid also reacted furiously to the new Canadian action. Foreign Minister Javier Solana Madariaga said that Spain was sending a second warship to the area. He also said that the reintroduction of visas for visiting Canadians, first threatened when the transfer fisher was serzed by Canadians. when the trawler Estai was sezzed by Canada earlier this month, would appear Tuesday in the official gazette and become law

Canada, acknowledging that the trawlers are being stopped outside its 200-nauti-cal-mile economic zone, says that coun-in an interview with the tries like Spain have ignored for too long Broadcasting Corp., Fisheries Commis-

the quotas and total catch limits for dwin-dling stocks of Greenland halibut, or tur-

"They simply just don't give a damn," said Clyde Wells, premier of Newfoundland. "It's stealing from mankind. Just shocking, disgusting, reprehensible behav-ior by any standard of judgment, and the world has to be told what they're doing."

The Canadians say the incidents con-firm the need for a treaty to protect fish stocks straddling international and national boundaries.

"Conservation inside 200 miles is futile unless there is conservation outside as well," Brian Tobin, Canada's fisheries minister, said Monday at a UN conference aimed at setting rules to ensure the conservation of fish in the high seas.

The European Commission, which like Spain regards, Canada's policing of the shears to cut its nets free.

The ships were the first to

In an interview with the Canadian

sioner Emma Bonino criticized the interceptions, saying: "The Canadian govern-ment is using force illegally. It's a real act of international piracy.

The European Commission president, Jacques Santer, and Foreign Minister Alain Juppé of France will send a political message condemning the Canadian action.

"Sanctions have crossed everyone's mind, but we're still looking for the politi-cal path," said an EU spokesman, Norbert

The Spanish trawlers were fishing in an area known as the nose of the Newfoundland Grand Banks. One vessel, the Verdel, was chased out of the area after refusing to allow the patrols to board and inspect its catch. The second, the Pescamar Uno, was intercepted by patrol boats that used giant

The ships were the first to resume fishing in the area since the Estai was seized on See FISH, Page 6



A Hutu mother and child on a bicycle taxi at the Burundi-Zaire border on Monday. As Hutu fled their homes in Burundi following ethnic violence over the weekend, President Sylvestre Nubantunganya said genocide was beginning. The French government said all the ingredients for a showdown between Hutu and Tutsi were present, and a plane was sent to evacuate 150 French people from Bujumbura. Page 7.

#### **Warnings of Genocide in Burundi**

# Boeing Bets Its New 777 Will Leave Europe's Airbus in the Dust

By John Mintz

SEATTLE - The last time Boeing Co. took such a risk on a new line of airplanes — in the 1960s, when it built the gargantuan 747 — its airline customers hesitated. Boeing teetered on the brink of bankruptcy and laid off almost two-thirds of its work force. But the gamble paid off; as the 747 became one of the most successful planes in history.

Boeing has once again bet the company on a new

aircraft, the only slightly smaller 777. The plane is scheduled to debut on June 7 with United Air Lines Flight 921 from London to Washington.

The taverns of Scattle will probably be jammed that night, for the jobs of Bocing's 117,000 workers literally depend on the new plane's success. The unveiling comes in the midst of the worst aerospace recession in memory. Boeing's announcement Friday that it would lay off 5,000 employees, most of them engineers, was a fresh reminder of the stakes.

The making of the 777 is a tale of a huge company reinventing itself for the 21st century. Building the 375-seat jet — the world's largest twin-engine plane — required a revolution at the \$22 billion corporation. Bocing had to change how it pays for new airplanes, how its engineers design them, how its test pilots check them out and how its marketers sell them.

The "triple 7" includes innovations intended to please passengers: a big cabin with 6-foot 2-inch (2meter) standing room under the overhead baggage bins and video screens on every seat back, even in

But it is the guts of the plane that are radically different from what is inside Boeing's past models. It is the first commercial American plane with "fly by wire" controls, meaning pilots move rudders and flaps electronically, instead of with pulleys and cables.

This retooling is, in part, a response to Europe's Airbus Industrie, the four-company consortium that introduced commercial aviation to fly-by-wire and other technologies in the 1980s. Since then, Airbus has

been stealing U.S. plane-makers' customers almost at

Boeing declines to say how much it spent on research and development and new tooling for the 777. But Joseph F. Campbell, a market analyst at Lehman

Brothers Inc., estimated the costs at \$6.3 billion. And Joseph Ozimek, marketing chief for Boeing's commercial aircraft, said: "It's the world's most expensive privately funded commercial venture. The pyramids and the Manhattan Project were govern-

So was Airbus — hy the governments of Britain, France, Germany and Spain, which can pay for a new See BOEING, Page 6

#### AGENDA

#### U.S. and North Korea Are at Impasse

The secretary of state, Warren M. Christopher, said Monday that U.S. no gotiators were unable to reach an agreement reached," Mr. Christopher ment with North Korea on supplying that country with nuclear reactors, a key part of a deal signed in October to rein in Pyongyang's nuclear program. But he said the deal had not fallen apart. "I certainly would not describe the

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ed States says Pyongyang must take the South's reactors. (Page 4)

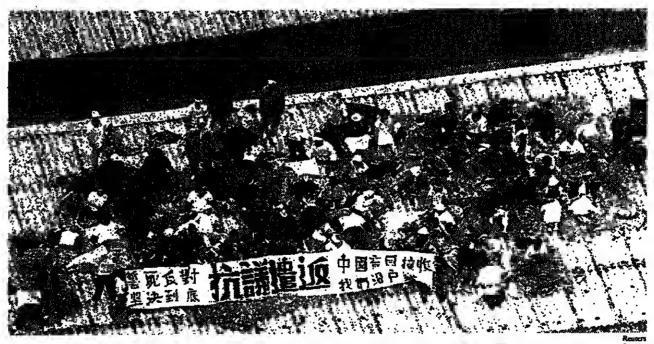
North Korea refuses to accept reactors manufactured by South Korea and has asked for U.S. models instead. The Unit-

said in Washington.

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REFUGEES BALK — Vietnam refugees sitting atop their shelters Monday in a Hong Kong camp to protest their impending repatriation to China. They have been refused re-entry to Vietnam but have been accepted by China.

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# Wedding in Kabul: A Sign of Hope Amid the Ruins

KABUL — The bride shopped for her wedding gown between rocket attacks on the bazaar. The groom waited months for a hill in the fighting to set the date for the

And on a cold gray day last week, a spotless white compact car swathed in red ribbons and white netting rolled through muddy streets and past the shattered buildings of central Kabul, carrying a bride and groom whose courtship had spanned three devastating years of war in this Afghan capital.

When the car stopped and 25-year-old Waheeda swept out of her wedding carriage in her resplendent emerald gown, the band in her father's living room began to play. Annts and cousins and friends clapped to the beat, and Nazi Gul felt alive for the first time in years. "We can forget for a moment that the war is going on."

said Mr. Gul, a relative of the groom. "We know there is still fighting, hut today we know we are not dead."

For many of the guests, the wedding of Waheeda and her groom, Wakil Ahmed, 30, provided their first chance for music, dance or celebration after three years of shelling that has killed an estimated 25,000 people and destroyed the homes of three-fourths of the population of

The wedding between two professors at Kabul University also symbolized the resilience and courage of a people in the face of the brutality inflicted hy warring Muslim factions.

In another time, it would have been a ceremony like any other upper-middle-class Kabul wedding. In these times, it was nothing short of extraordinary.

In a city that has no running water or electricity - and thus no baths, hair dryers or curling irons - the bride looked as if she had stepped from the pages of a bridal magazine. Her hair was a mass of obedient curls, her

eyelids tinted green and mauve, her lips painted apple

In a capital where almost every shop has been hit by rockets at least once and only a fraction have managed to remain open. Waheeda and her guests offered a glimpse of upper-middle-class life as it used to be lived in what used to be a cosmopolitan city.

In a room where every guest had lost a loved one and most had lost their homes, businesses and johs in the fighting, people were smiling, laughing and dancing.
"Music!" exclaimed Abdullah, who, like many Afghans, uses only one name, "Do you know how long it

has been since I've heard music?" For the professors of Kahul University, who made up a large part of the guest list, this wedding was particularly

poignant.
The university has been closed since mujahidin factions began fighting for control of the city in 1992. Their See WEDDING, Page 6

## Mrs. Mandela Loses Post As Minister In Cabinet

ANC Stalwart Is Ousted By Husband, Who Cites A Need for 'Discipline'

By Paul Taylor Washington Post Service

JOHANNESBURG - President Nelson Mandela dismissed his estranged wife, Winnie, from his cabinet Monday, but he made it clear that he hoped it would not mean the end of her often flamboyant political career.

The move comes after a month in which Mrs. Mandela has lurched from one political crisis to another, some involving accusations of shady business dealings, others involving her increasingly more defiant criticism of the government she served.

"This decision has been taken both in the interest of good government and to ensure the highest standards of discipline among leading officials of the govern-ment," Mr. Mandela, looking pained, said at a press conference as a courier delivered the news to Mrs. Mandela's office. Mrs. Mandela had no immediate comment.

Although she was removed from her relatively minor post as deputy minister of arts, culture, science and technology, Mrs. Mandela will stay on as a member of Parliament for the African National Congress. She will also keep her post, at least for the time being, as president of the ANC

Women's League.
Although her fiery brand of radical politics has given Mrs. Mandela a hase of support among the poor, the dismissal was supported across South Africa's broad political spectrum.

From the black left, the ANC, the Communist Party and the Congress of South Africa Trade Unions all approved; from the white right, so did the National Party and the Freedom Front. And the Democratic Party of the white liberal center, long a thorn in Mrs. Mandela's side, was

In some respects, Mrs. Mandela can be South Africans' innate respect for authority, especially male authority, by being insubordinate to her husband, boss and

Her descent began last month when she made a speech at a funeral in which she criticized the government as appeasing whites at the expense of blacks. Mr. Mandela was reported to be furious and forced her to write an apology. Then she left the country to attend cul-

tural events in West Africa, despite orders hy Mr. Mandela that she stay. While she was gone, 40 policemen raided her home and office, seeking evidence that she was involved in a kickhack scheme on government housing projects.
Initially, that raid seemed a fatal blow,

but the investigation quickly came unglued. A judge threw out the scarch war-rants last week as improperly drawn. A triumphant Mrs. Mandela sought to turn the development to her benefit, depicting the "Rambo style" raid as reminiscent of apartheid-era repression.

But her days in government were num-bered. She had already alienated part of her political hase: 10 senior board members of the ANC Women's League resigned last month after she made a ques-

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#### Gunman Kills Gucci Heir on Milan Street

By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

ROME - The scion of Italy's Gucci leather goods and fashion dynasty was killed outside his downtown Milan office Monday morning by a well-dressed gun-man using a silenced pistol, the police said Monday.

Maurizio Gucci, who two years ago sold out his 50 percent share of the family empire, was shot twice from behind, and then twice in the face at close range as he headed toward the elevator. His assailant, described as in his 40s and dressed in a beige jacket and tie, also wounded the building's doorman before jumping into a waiting car.

Unable to locate the car or the gunman, the Milan police offered no clues on the slaying, which they described as the work of a professional.

A spokeswoman for the Gucci company, now owned hy Investcorp, said Monday that the death of 45-year-old Maurizio Gucci was a hlow, but she stressed that relations between him and the company ended in 1993.

"I cannot imagine who would commit such an inhumane act," said Vittorio D'Aiello, Mr. Gucci's lawyer. "The dynamic of the homicide is typical of a settling of accounts for which I can find no explanation."

In his last years as head of the company. Mr. Gucci dragged the business through a tangle of lawsuits and bitter feuds, first with family members and later with busi-

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# Yeltsin's 'Golden City' Contemplates Its Wreckage

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

ROZNY, Russia - At the warblasted Grozny airport, oow a busy Russian military base, there is a marble plaque on the wall, dedicating the construction of the airport 10 years ago to the 40th anniversary of the Soviet victory over Nazism. Underneath, a Russian soldier has scrawled: "For the 50th, we de-

Grozny, the capital of secessionist Chechoya, was taken by the Russian Army after horrific bombardment and house-to-house

The invasion of Chechnya, intended to reassert Russian sovereignty and strengthen the weak central government of President Boris N. Yeltsin, has instead thrown Russia into a deep political and moral crisis, isolating Mr. Yeltsin and prompting international criti-

Almost two months after the fall of the Chechen presidential palace, Grozny is an unrelieved vista of devastation.

Disoriented people wander aimlessly along dusty, cratered streets through the rubbish of civilization: hroken furniture, a child's sweater, twisted girders, a woman's wig, charred dolls, dangling pipes, felled street lamps, sev-ered electrical and telephone wires jangling, moving like some weird mutant spider in the

An old man, grizzled and dazed, sits in a ruined house reading a oewspaper from three months ago. A 63-year-old woman named Rimma, in rags and an unraveling wool hat, is trying to hang clothes washed in water from a ditch on a little line made of yarn and a green

"What can we do but try to live?" she said, showing a toothless mouth and swollen gums, nearly white with anemia and infection. "I'm alone, all alone."

Her apartment house on Rodina Street, near the hulking wreck of the presidential palace, burned after constant shelling at the end of January. The roof has fallen in, the floors are gone, the plaster burned off the interior walls. Where does she live

1MMA giggles strangely. "In the earth," she said, pointing to the cellar, a dank and pestilential chamber of smelly maturesses lit by two smoking candles.

Her neighbor, another bent old Russian woman, hacked away at a small branch with a dull ax. They ignore the artillery booming not far off, to the south, where many Chechens

Aid agencies say about 120,000 people are trying to live here, with no city water, electricity, gas or shops. About 33,000 gallons of water a day is brought in by truck, soon to be 53,000, but still insufficient for the popula-

Doctors expect epidemics of cholera, diphtheria, dysentery and other diseases, with unknown oumbers of bodies, civilian and military, buried quickly just beneath the crumbling soil of blasted courtyards and rag-

A body lies ocar the district military headquarters in south-central Grozny, a rope around its leg and a white sheet over its face. A dead cat, its fur colored marmalade and dingy white, lies in the rubble under buzzing

Colonel Mikhail Doronin of the Russian Army pointed at the cat and joked: "Another

In the piles of cracked, blackened bricks and collapsing, bullet-ridden walls of multi-story apartment buildings, there is the military garbage: a rusting tank turret, a huge truck carcass lying on its side, scattered jag-ged shrapnel from shells and gravity bombs, unexploded rockets stuck, fins upward, in sidewalks and walls.

Some unexploded mines are marked with little red plastic flags. The tread of a tank, twisted and brown with rust and caked dirt. lies like the fossilized backbone of a long-

In the wrecked streets, people trudge to the few water trucks or aid points, ignoring the



Chechen women with a banner reading "All People of the World Are Brothers" were detained by the Russians, but freed Monday.

Russian armored personnel carriers, tanks and trucks that speed around the few civilian cars and the bomb craters. In the daytime, at least, they own this city of the dead and disoriented, which the unprepared Russian Army finally had to destroy to take.

As in every army, like America's in Viet-nam, there is a bizarre modishness, here based on the new Russia's access to Hollywood's vision of war, combined with a Chechen set-

Specialized Interior Ministry troops, known as the Omon, favor small goatees and piratical black bandanas over their crew-cut heads, or over their mouths and noses, against the dust. At many checkpoints, these troops lounge in broken chairs, with dark sunglasses and cigarettes, looking just like the Chechen fighters who battled them so fiercely.

Many armored personnel carriers have the grilles of Mercedes-Benz cars attached to the front, a mixed gesture of contempt and envy aimed at the rich Chechens, some of them

N ONE armored vehicle, scribbled in English in the caked dirt, were the words: "Moon Crazy" and Rok Galaktik."

Some soldiers wear American flag patches on their fatigues, or carry switchblades with stars-and-stripes handles. Suddenly, there is an enormous explosion,

and pieces of shrapnel whiz in the air like big metal dragonflies. Young Russian soldiers wince. Colonel Sergei Dushin displays the mound of artillery shell casings left behind by Chechen fighters in what was a bealth clinic on Pervomaiskoye Street. Inside, he said, there is an arsenal of unexploded 120mm shells, 70 of which have just been blown up. Russian soldiers, caked with dust, disman-

tle modern fiber-molded shells and empty the rods of gunpowder, which burn brilliant and hot for a couple of seconds, then disappear. Alexander Golubev, 19, a private from

nearby Samara, can't wait to get home.

It's all right in the daytime, he said, squinting into a bright spring sun flashing off acres of broken window glass. "At night, there's shooting," he said, as Chechen snipers harass the Russian occupiers.

In the southern section of Grozny, the Russians have barely pushed the Chechen fighters beyond the city limits, Colonel Dor-onin acknowledged. Chechens say that around the Chemorechenskove reservoir in southern Grozny, the frontiers are hazy, with a no-man's-land at night through which Chechen fighters infiltrate.

It is only now, more than 100 days since the Russians invaded Chechnya in force on Dec. 11, that they have taken Argun, only 11 kilometers (7 miles) east of Grozny, and driven the Chechen headquarters out of Shali, 21 kilometers to the southeast. Just across the Sunzha River from the pres-

idential palace, where the worst fighting was, the first "work of reconstruction" has begun, said Colonel Sergei Cherepanov — the rip-ping down of the Hotel Chaiks, once five stories with three entrances WENTY days of work with tractors,

trucks and excavators have left a strange flat landscape of tree stumps and broken bricks. Will the whole central city have to come down? The colonel shrugs: it's obvious. "Inside," he said, "there were corpses everywhere."
Two young Chechen boys strolled by. Sha-

mil Turpanov, 15, his eyes flat and dead, said, You can get used to anything." Is this the end of the war? "To me, it's not the end," he said, angry. Referring to the Chechen secessionist lead-

er Dzhokar Dudayev, he added, "Dudayev says it will continue, and it will."

Up Lenin Prospekt are the skeletal, seared, crimson-painted walls of the Russian Orthodox Church of St. Michael the Archangel, 103 years old. On Jan. 26, about 2 P.M., as the Russians fought their way south from the palace, the cupola caught fire.

It was wood, and it all burned in 40 minutes," said Father Anatoh, 41. "We saved what we could."

In mid-January, when the fighting was intense, he said that God had protected the church and its icons, and would continue to do so. He remembered the conversation well,

"All that happens is the will of God," he said now. "The tragedy of Chechnya, of Grozny, even of our church, it's also His will. We prayed and hoped that it wouldn't be like this, but it happened. Whom the Lord loves

He also punishes."

He stopped for a time, then said: "Maybe
He meant that we should purify ourselves
through this suffering. This is a test for all of us. We should thank Him that He sends us only this little bit of suffering compared with what thousands of others have suffered."

Inside, where there was once a stunning cupola and blue-painted walls covered with icons, there is only rubble: bent girders, blackened bricks and a large ironwork cross twisted by the inferno.

Father Anatoli sleeps in the cellar of the badly damaged priest's residence next door; where he has slept most every night since Dec. 31, disobeying his bishop's orders to leave the

In a room above, he has set up a small church with the icons and sacral furniture that he and four others were able to save. One icon has a hig bullet hole in Christ's halo; the baptismal font is bent like a cripple.

On weekends and holidays, services continue, with 100 people crammed in the room and more standing outside, on the only swept sidewalk in central Grozny.

Some Muslims come, he said, and many Russian soldiers who ask to be christened "Some beg me to forgive them," he said, looking around. "It looks like Stalingrad in

LONG a dirt side street nearby, Indira Bitayeva, 14, one eye swollen shut with infection, is getting water from a tire rat. She smiled apologet ically. "We try to boil it," she said, walking to a nearby park where she, her parents, her twosisters and younger brother live underground in a foul bomb shelter.

"I named her for Indira Gandhi," said her mother, Tamara Bitayeva, trying to heat filthy water on a small fire of branches. "As you see, this is war. We don't know how to

Anzhela, 12, trailed by Zelimkhan, 7, solemnly displayed five shallow graves 40 meters away, where the spring grass is beginning to

"The Soviet Union is oow free, and what happens?" demanded Mrs. Bitayeva. "People die and children weep.'

She said she had seen Mr. Yeltsin in 1990. when be met with people here in his campaign against the timid Communist leadership of

the dying Soviet Union. "Yeltsin came and he promised us everything," Mrs. Bitayeva said. "He promised us this would be a golden city."

She stopped, waving her arm at her primi-tive life and destitute family, huddled in a grave-filled park, and said: "But look at this. This is what we got instead."

# Clinton Team Says No to Call for Force To Free 2 in Iraq

Republican presidential candidates who said the United military force to gain the release

sible to speculate on what options the president might or might not consider with respect to securing the release of the two Americans," said the White House spokesman, Michael McCurry. Patrick Buchanan, a candi-

date for the Republican nomination, said Sunday that the two Americans were effectively hostages and that U.S. military options should be considered if

the race for his party's nomina-tion, also said military options casing of the sanctions, was still should be considered.

Mr. McCurry said nothing was being ruled in or out. But he made clear that the United States was pursuing a "very ag-gressive and persistent diplomacy" to get the men out of sured."

Iraq.
Mr. McCurry said there had been no progress on U.S. efforts to free David Dalibert and William Barloon, defense contractors who strayed across Kuwait's border with Iraq on

"We continue to press for their release through a variety of diplomatic measures," be When asked whether Wash-

ington would engage in direct negotiations with Baghdad, Mr. McCorry said no, and added that sanctions imposed against ministries, incloding justice, Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War and the Social Democrats would not be a bargaining chip. speaker, Saddi Mehdi Saleh, de- ing interior.

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches nied Monday that he had said the two Americans were plan-White House on Monday de-ning to carry out acts of sabonounced as "irresponsible" two tage. He said he had been misquoted in news reports.

In the first comment from an States should consider using Iraqi official since the two Americans were seized, Mr. Saof two Americans held in Iraq. Ich said: "Those two detainees "It would be highly irrespon- were entering our border secretly and by illegal manner, maybe for political or technical reasons. And we have detained them to know these reasons."

Mr. Salch said their aim in entering the country was to pro-long United Nations sanctions against Iraq.
As Mr. Saleh discussed the

Americans, the UN envoy in charge of disarming Iraq, Rolf Ekees, said in Baghdad that he had failed to fill in the gaps on diplomatic efforts failed.

Senator Richard G. Lugar of Indiana, another Republican in He told reporters that the issue,

"I don't think we have concluded the issue of biological warfare," he said. "Iraq may be clean but we don't know that We haven't been completely as-(Reuters, AFP, AP)

#### Socialists and Greens Form Hesse Coalition

BONN -- The Social Democrats and the environmentalists have formed a coalition government in the German state of Hesse, five weeks after returning to power in a regional election, a Social Democratic spokesman said Monday.

Michael Siebel said the Greens would take over two would remain in control of six .In Baghdad, the Parliament of the eight ministries, includ-

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#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### Threat of French Air and Rail Strikes

PARIS (AEP) Strikes threaten to disrupt French air and train services this week, with the domestic airline Air Inter, the SNUS sall actions and the Paris bus and Metro system all to be affected imou and company sources said.

Assembly and company sources said.

Assembly and the first of its flights would be affected by strikes from Tuesday to Hunsday as part of a communing protest over the loss of 600 jobs in a restructuring plan. Pilots, cabin crew and

ground staff have staged work actions over the last three weeks.

Most unions representing workers for the SNCF national rail
network have called for a strike on Thursday to protest staffing

cuts under what they say is the threat of privatization. A strike Metro and bus services on Thursday.

Bucharest's underground railroad employees began a strike over pay and work conditions on Monday, crippling the Romanian capital's subway system, trade union leaders said. (Reuters) Heavy snowfall and strong winds on Monday disrupted central traffic in Stockholm and caused delays of up to 30 minutes at the

airport, officials said. Canada's Parliament has passed a bill to end a strike that has crippled most of the country's railroads for over a week and caused billions of dollars in losses.

The new Malaysian International sirport will turn the country into an aviation hub for the Asia-Pacific region, Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad said Monday at the ground-breaking for the project's main terminal. The new airport at Sepang, south of

Knala Lumpur, is to begin operations in early 1998. The ancient Chinese capital, Xian, inaugurated its first interna-tional air route, a China Northwest link to Nagoya, Japan, the Xinhua press agency said. Service will be daily.

# Growing Chorus of U.S. Evangelical Christians Warns of Republican Ties dueing the federal government's authority. In a tale by C. S. Lewis, a favorite writer of faithful Christians, "To wrap ourselves in the In a tale by C. S. Lewis, a favorite writer of faithful Christians, a senior devil named Screwtape is politicized, when the pulpit are committed to spreading the becomes a tool of political regressions have nization." He received a standnization." He received a standAlthough liberal evangelicals Although liberal evangelicals

By Laurie Goodstein

WASHINGTON - In convention centers and church halls, magazines and seminaries, ioflucotial evangelical Christians are warning that God's church has become dangerously intertwined with the earthly agenda of the Republi-

The backlash comes as conservative Christian organizations are becoming increasingly powerful players in political wrangling over such apparently conreligious issues as reforming welfare, cutting taxes and re-

flag of any one particular party is very dangerous," said the Reverend Don Argue, president-elect of the National Association of Ewagellash.

"And there has been quite a

movement that has identified evangelicals as part of the Republicans and part of the extreme right," he said. "Although evangelicals may hold some of these same positions, they are very, very reactive to being identified with one particular party or one particular

Call it the Screwtape effect.

instructs his nephew on surefire ways to corrupt a Christian. One of the best, Screwtape advises, is to find ooc swept up in the printed "purther spirit" and "gradually nurse him on to the stage at which religion be-

The conservative columnist Cal Thomas, a former leader of the Moral Majority, cited Screwtape last week at a convention of Christian activists in Florida. He told them that the good works of the church "are

ing ovation.

The evangelical world "is by evangelical in their philosophy who are on the right wing or the comes merely part of the left wing."

The term "evangelical" is often used erroneously as a synonym for conservative or fundamentalist. The label broadly refers to those who believe in a personal relationship to Christ, instead of relating through cler- said they abhorred the Rever-

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umnist, most have kept their criticism private. Part of the reason for their ire is that they believe evangelicals have been the source of some of the most vicious and irresponsible attacks on President Bill Clinton

In particular, many sources

have in the past criticized co- had dealt drugs and ordered people murdered in Arkansas. Although they disagree with Mr. Clinton's policies on such issues as abortion and homosexuality, these evangelicals say he is, after all, the president and deserves respect.

> They also expressed concern that by putting so much effort into lobbying and legislation, evangelical Christians appear to send the message that government, and not the church, can solve the nation's moral and spiritual problems. Anticipating objections, sev-

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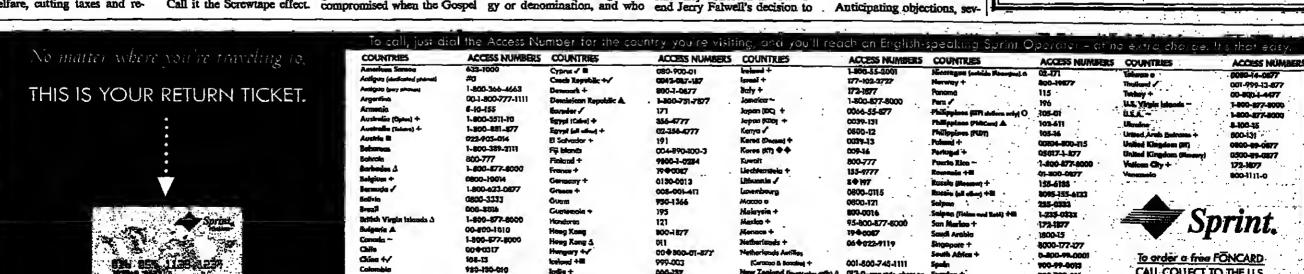
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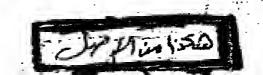
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# Republicans and Democrats Alike Hear an Angry Rumble Out of California

By Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

MORENO VALLEY, California - Fifteen years ago this bedroom community of stucco houses and strip malls was little more than scrubland. Today it is ground zero in the battle for the American elector-

The judgments of independent-minded voters like the ones who largely make up this middle-class enclave 75 miles (120 kilometers) east of Los Angeles could determine whether it is Republicans or Democrats who win control of the White House and Congress next year. The concentration of voters with no deep political roots or traditions explains why pollsters from both parties have been converging here. They are trying to figure out what the

But dozens of random interviews with Moreno Valley residents suggest that the answer is not so simple as pronouncements from President Bill Clinton about cutting taxes for the middle class or the passage of the House Republicans' "Contract With America."

In spurning George Bush in 1992, these voters helped fuel Mr. Clinton's victory. But oow they are politically tortured. They complained that they were caught in a helpless predicament of declining wages, rising taxes and worsening crime. They wondered why politicians have not come to the rescue.

computer supply company, said he voted for Mr. much open. Bush in 1988 and the independent candidate Ross For Mr. Perot in 1992. He sees no reason to turn to the Republican or Democratic fold.

Unless something is done to take care of the economy in the next two years there's gning to be nn middle class," Mr. Nichols said. "There will be just rich and poor. If Bill Clinton was helping me any

more, I'd probably be bankrupt."

Indeed, the news in Moreno Valley is not heartening for either party. All but the most hard-core Democrats in this community of 130,000 expressed dissatisfaction with Mr. Clinton, to the point of downright hostility, over what many described as his flip-flopping on issues and his failure to deliver on promises for the middle class.

But Republicans do not seem to have made much headway either. Many residents said they were taking a wait-and-see attitude about the promised achievements of Newt Gingrich, the House speaker. Some, not so hopeful, said they feared that Mr. Gingrich and his lieutenants had embarked on a course that was too extreme, Democratic officials say they will be poised to seize on those fears come

"I don't think there's any future without these

For Mr. Clinton to win re-election, his advisers say he must again win California, the state with the most electoral vntes, 54. And to win California, he

Unless something is done to take care of the economy in the next two years there's going to be no middle class.'

Jerry Nichols, the owner nf a small computer supply company.

must hang on to a substantial proportion of the

vnters in places like Morenn Valley.

In the interviews, most people who hacked Mr. Perot in 1992 said they would probably do so again if he runs. Their point was that even with the upheaval in Washington and the Republicans' talk of reform, not much has changed: Politicians still cannot be trusted, and they still seem to be oeglecting the middle class.

Most people, even many Republicans who said independent swing voters, and that's true for both
Democrats and Republicans," said Stanley Greenberg, the president's pollster. "The parties are eyeing

they always voted, responded with blank stares whose values have plummeted and now have to contend with the gangs that migrated here from Los And most were unaware of the Senate's passage last

Angeles.

"I think the contract is going to be a tremendous boon for Republicans," said Tom Brooks, a 44-year-old Republican who builds steel-frame houses. What is it? I'm ignorant," his wife, Karen, 45,

"It's a deal with foreign countries," Mr. Brooks replied. Told that was not the case, he tried again, unsuccessfully: "Isn't it this trade thing with Mexi-

Down the street, Cindy Polujancewicz, who described herself as a registered Democrat but said she had voted for Mr. Bush in 1992, said, "Contract? What do you mean?" But she had strong feelings about Mr. Gingrich. "He's a loudmouth and too aggressive."

Over the last decade, Moreno Valley grew dramatically as people sought peace and quiet and escape from the high costs of Los Angeles.

But the half-acre plots and well-manicured cactus gardens can be deceptive. In the aftermath of the economic downturn spurred by drastic military cutbacks in the area, the developments here are sprin-kled with foreclosed homes. Some people who moved here have lost their jobs, cannut sell houses

Jerry Nichols, the 40-year-old owner of a small them and they are eyeing the parties. They're very approval of its plan for an overhaul of the welfare a retired police officer whose house has been on the market for more than a year. "Now I'm selling it for market for more than a year. "Now I'm selling it for market for more than a year."

\$184,000. But it's not going to sell."

Mr. Pagan said that Mr. Gingrich's leadership was refreshing and that he would probably vote with the Republicans next time. But he said he was also watching carefully that the Republicans do unt go

But Charles Johnson, 39, the manager of an ice cream store, said neither party was addressing his needs. "I just did my taxes yesterday," he said. "I made less and paid more in taxes. We're too rich for food stamps but too poor to live in a good neighbor-

Mr. Johnson said he typically voted for Democrats, but may back an independent in 1996. "I just don't see where anything he's done has done anything for me," he said of Mr. Clinton.

Such talk obviously disturbs Democratic officials, who see a rise in Republican registrations among newcomers, although the two parties are about evenly split. A majority of voters in Moreno Valley, which is overwhelmingly white, backed Mr. Bush in 1988. But four years later, 41 percent favored Mr. Clinton, 34 percent voted for Mr. Bush and 23 percent turned to Mr. Perot.

"We have to do better," said Boh Mulholland, an adviser to the state Democratic Party. "It's absolutely key that we get at least 40 percent."

# Line-Item Veto: A Pack of Questions Trails a Big Prerogative

By R. W. Apple Jr. .

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The line-item veto, once dismissed by political professionals as another of Ronald Reagan's weird California costrums, stands on

the verge of becoming law.

If the House and Senate can agree on the final text of a bill, President Bill Clinton has promised to sign it, and there seems to be a fighting chance that it would survive the court tests that seem to be inevitable. But would it really act as a break on federal spending, as its

symbolic fashion, from Congress to the White House, as constitutional traditionalists argue? And perhaps more importantly, would it have major ef-

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fects that the sponsors have never imagined?

Robert D. Reischauer, former director of the Congressional Budget Office, argues that the bill, which would permit a those dollars." president to pick and choose

would not reduce spending at

"What you would see," he said, "is a shift from one kind of spending to another. Congress will simply spend less on things that are high on its list and spend more on things that the president likes a little better. Every line item veto that is sustained will free up a little bit of money that can be spent elsewhere, and believe me, oo Congress is going to resist spending

Perhaps, as many conserva-

proponents claim? Would it piece of legislation, approving vetn would change the whole third term. With a law that enshift power, in a more than some and disapproving others, psychological climate on Capi-abled him to strike words, senpsychological climate on Capi-tol Hill. If in the future, for tences and numbers from any instance, a president made it bill, he used the veto 1,500 clear that a particular project times in his first twn four-year displeased him and might be terms to eliminate almost \$150 vetoed, the potential provider million in spending. of that piece of pork might elect

the 43 state capitals where the governors are armed with the line-item veto.

Sloppy legislative language.

According to a study published in the spring 1990 issue

But most state laws are not so not to bother in the first place. strong, and most governors Perhaps, but not if Washinghave used their power mainly to ton works anything like most of change technical provisions and

True, a few governors have of the William and Mary Law used the weapon to good effect, Review, spending in states that ootably Governor Tommy G. have the toughest laws, which Thompson of Wisconsin, a Re- enable governors not only to among individual items in a tives have argued, the line-item poblican who has just begun his block spending on a project but

to reduce it instead, has grown less rapidly than in those with more general line-item laws.

It is not clear how the federal law would work. Within the Pentagon appropriations bill, for example, could a president simply block an appropriation for a new aircraft carrier, or could be reduce the amount allocated for that purpose?

Kevin Phillips, a political an-alyst, sees endless possibilities for machination as legislative technicians split a bill into pieces for submission to the president. As things oow stand, he said, "the potential for trickery and deceit is almost as large as that for litigation, which ap-pears endless."

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Democrat of New York, argued recently that Congress would be hamstrung by a bnoitem veto because it would mean, in practical terms, that effective compromises could not be struck. The veto would enable the president, in effect, to cancel one side of any bargain retroactively.

"Compromises and trade-offs are the key," he said. "If these exchanges caooot be sealed in legislation, all or nothing, then accommodation will be much more difficult if not indeed impossible to reach."

The veto would give the president substantial new leverage in some situations. If he had the chance to veto the pet project of a senator who opposed him on a broad measure of significance, he could offer to withhold his veto on the narrow question in return for the senator's switching his position on the major

Whether there will be that kind of horse-trading on this year's budget is questionable. The Republicans clearly see the pntential, though; some are talking of delaying the line-item veto until after the budget has been approved.

But in a political if not a fiscal sense, the veto would open up vast horizons for legis-lators. What could suit them better in a time of public impatience with big spenders, asked Ted Van Dyk, a Democratic strategist who supports the proposed new veto arrangements, than to have the onus for government outlays shift elearly from the Hill to the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue?

#### Where Lurks a Clinton Challenger?

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WASHINGTON - For all the misadventures of his first two years in office, President Bill Clinton may gain renomination with less opposition than any Democratic chief executive since Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Yet this oews is not oearly as reassuring as it might seem for the president and his party. It is not widespread enthusiasm for his leadership that is inoculating Mr. Clintoo against a. serious challenge. Rather his immunity mainly reflects weak-

"There was a great defeat in November, and we still have not reprouped," said Senator Bob Kerrey, Democrat of Nebraska, often mentioned as a 1996 challenger to Mr. Clinton. just don't have any interest" in seeking the commatinn.

Of course much can change in the 17 months remaining before the roll is called at the Democratic coovention in Chicago, particularly given the allegations concerning the Clinton family's real estate venture in the Ozarks before Mr. Clinton entered the White House.

According to the press secretary, Michael McCurry, the White House is still operating nn the assumption that Mr. Clinton will face a challenge. Still, Mr. McCurry sees little sign of a serious oppositioo candidacy developing now.

#### Cries of Desertion in California

SAN DIEGO - Governor Pete Wilson of California is testing his infant presidential campaign in the East, but he is being roundly berated at home by conservative activists who accuss him of putting personal political ambition ahead of the interests of the Republican Party and his state.

Delegates to the annual convention of the conservative California Republican Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution Sunday accusing Mr. Wilsoo of hreaking faith with voters after pledging last fall to serve a full four-year term in

But the governor insisted Sunday that he can keep his contract with California voters at the same time he runs an -out natinnal campaign. "I will not break my contract," he said. "I first intend to do my job as governor."

Mr. Wilson, 61, announced in Los Angeles last Thursday that he had established an exploratory presidential campaign committee. He left California on Friday for a long-planned trip East to raise money to pay off his \$1 million gubernatorial campaign debt.

#### Clinton Assails the Unkindest Cuts

WASHINGTON — Accusing Republicans of lacking compassion in their budget plans, President Bill Clinton promoted a \$20.8 hillion proposal Monday to consolidate, cut or sell operations at five federal agencies.

"When it comes to cutting, I say bureaucracy first, not women and children first," Mr. Clintoo said in remarks

prepared for an afternoon speech. Changes at the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Small Business Administration, Interior Department and National Aeronautics and Space Administration are the latest installment of

Mr. Clinton's "reinventing government" drive.

Taking a swipe at the deeper Republican cuts, Mr. Clinton said, "This administration recognizes that there are plenty of ways to reduce the size and cost of the federal government without cutting off lunch for school kids, or vital nutrition for infants and their mothers."

(AP)

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Newt Gingrich, the House speaker, as he assailed the Washington press corps for underlining divisions within the Republican Party: "We're doing great. We have the most successful team in the history of the modern Congress." (AP)

# Decades on Death Row: Jurist Seeks Scrutiny

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - A Supreme Court justice orged ndges nationwide Monday to study a sweeping death penalty issue: the constitutionality of executing someone who has already spent years on death row.

Justice John Paul Stevens, the court's senior member. wrote what amounts to a twopage essay to accompany an order in which the full court turned down the appeal of a Texas killer, Clarence Allen Lackey, who has been on death row for 17 years. Hundreds of the 3,000 Amer-

icans on death row have been awaiting execution for more than a decade. Mr. Lackey had contended that executing him now, after all his years on death row, would be cruel and unusual punishment.

Justice Stevens said the issue should be studied by other courts before the justices consider it. But he said that such a long stay on death row may erase the two main considerations in support of capital punishment: its being considered permissible by the Consti-tution's 18th-century drafters and the social purposes of retri-bution and deterrence.

"Such a delay, if it ever oc-curred, certainly would have been rare in 1789, and thus the practice of the framers would not justify a denial" of Mr. Lackey's claim, wrote Justice Stevens, who is considered one of the more liberal members of the court. He added that it was arguable whether retribution and deterrence "retains any force" after such a long time.

In another decision Monday, the court let stand a ruling that cut off Social Security disability benefits to a paralyzed Wyoming man because he earned \$350 a month by typing with his

The court, without comment, turned down arguments by the man, Paul E. Spragens, that federal rules unfairly allow the hlind to earn more money than other disabled people can earn and still receive Social Security

Io 1986, disabled people who were not blind became ineligi-ble for Social Security benefits if they earned more than \$300 a month. For the blind, the earning limit was \$650 a month. Both limits have been raised since then.

Because of a joint deformity, Mr. Spragens has no use of his arms and limited use of his legs. He uses a motorized wheelchair and works as a free-lance book indexer, typing with his toes.

In 1988, government officials decided Mr. Spragens was no longer eligible for benefits because his 1986 earnings averaged \$349.26 a month.

### **Away From Politics**



A policeman holding a suspect in the theft of two artifacts from Explorers Hall at the National Geographic Society.

• Three pre-Columbian gold artifacts have been returned safely to the National Geographic Society in Washington after two of the trinkets were pawned for \$100 each and another traded for \$20 and a

• Animal protection officers raided a cockfight in the Bronx, arresting 296 people who were betting thousands of dollars on the birds, the authorities in New York City said. The police joined

officers of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the hour barreled across the Great Plains, raid, the ASPCA's largest ever, the group's chief administrator said. (4P)

• Fire swept through • national processing center of the Internal Revenue Service in Martinsburg, West Virginia, de-stroying some records but having no effect on tax returns, the agency said. No one was injured and the cause of the fire was not immediately known. (AP)

closing hundreds of miles of highway and stranding tourists and truckers at

 Volunteers and police officers secured fields and knocked on doors in Hockley, Texas, for two days looking for a 7-yearold girl, then found her body in the attie of a house less than a block from her

#### Clinton's Doctor Removes **Precancerous Skin Lesions**

WASHINGTON — Doctors removed precancerous skin le-sions from President Bill Clinton's face during his annual physical examination on Friday, the White House said on Monday.

"They are not cancerous," the White House press secretary,
Michael McCurry, said of the lesions.

He said doctors removed several actinic keratoses from Mr. Clinton's forehead and one ear. Actinic keratoses are common skin lesions among middle-aged people, usually caused by overexposure to the sun. The lesinns generally are removed as a precaution, because there is a chance

they can become cancerous.

The lesions were removed by freezing with liquid nitrogen, and the treatment left a large red blotch on Mr. Clinton's forehead.

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# Japan's New Cults: Economic Miracle' Wasn't Enough

By T.R. Reid Washington Post Service

TOKYO — For the generation of Japanese who survived World War II, the chief faith was the Religion of Hard Work. They rolled up their sleeves and set to the task of achieving Japan's "postwar miracle": the transformation of a shattered, impoverished nation into a global economic superpower.

For the current generation of Japanese, who live in a oation with the highest per capita income on Earth, that economic miracle has been a basic fact of life. And for some, it is not enough. Amid the French fashions, the vacations abroad, the four-star restaurants and flashy cars that mark today's Japan, millions of young people have found themselves searching for some form of spiritual wealth to match their material well-being.

The result in the past two decades or so has been a boom in "new religions." Some are full-fledged religious organizations with their own temples, sacred cult, asserting that true faith will pertexts and priestly hierarchies. Others mit believers to fly and to meditate

are cults built around the personal beliefs, or whims, of a charismatic leader.

It was one of those oew cults, Aum Shinrikyo, that came to world attention after the poison gas attack last week on Tokyo's subway that left 10 people dead and thousands injured.

Many of Japan's new cults are loosely based on the traditional Shinto and

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Buddhist faiths, with heavy doses of

the occult thrown in. "Young people who have grown up bombarded by televisioo images and simulated environments created by computer," said Susumu Oda, a psychologist, are "more ready to accept

Aum's spiritual underpinnings are nominally Buddhist. The cult is the creation of a Buddhist guru, Shoko Asahara, an admirer of Adolf Hitler's.

Mr. Asahara's frequently illogical writings borrow heavily from the oc-

underwater for hours without taking a and making Japan one of the world's most syncretic societies.

The police bave estimated the group's membership at 8,000; the cult has issued figures ranging from 10,000 to 30,000, including membership in Russia, the United States and a few other countries.

But even that is small compared with some other cult-like sects in Japan. Another often-controversial Buddhist sect, the Science of Happiness, has to ration tickets when it holds services in 50,000-seat stadiums.

The emergence of such cults is not uncommon among nations that safeguard religious freedoms; it is not hard for Americans watching Mr. Asahara and his followers to remember such U.S.-bred cults as Jim Jones's People's Temple or David Koresh's Branch Davidians. But in Japan the concept of devotion to a single religious faith runs counter to thousands of years of Japa-

The Japanese have regularly embraced a oumber of differing religious faiths, practicing two or three or more with no qualms or sense of sacrilege

"The Japanese never developed the idea that a person bad to adhere exclusively to one religion or the other," said Edwin O. Reischauer, a former U.S. ambassador here and an Asian

Government surveys show that most Japanese homes have both a kamidama, a sort of altar for the Shinto religion, and a butsudan, or "Buddha shelf." Families mark a birth with a ceremony at a Shinto shrine and a death with one at a Buddhist temple. Almost half the weddings in Japan today are beld in Christian-style churches, complete with minister and choir, even though bride and groom may never go to church again.

In contrast, the new religious tend to be exclusive faiths demanding more focused devotion.

The first wave of new religious flourished after World War IL Some Sokka Gakkai, or Value Creation Society, an offshoot of a 750-year Buddhist sect.

are sun going strong, those in the something more mysterious, impore eternal. And therefore you seek the new new religions to find it."

Sokka Gakkai today has an estimated six million well-organized members in Japan and reports millions more in the United States and other countries. Its political offshoot, the Komeito, or Clean Government Party, is a major party with a sizable bloc of members in Parliament.

A graduate of a Sokka Gakkai college, asked to explain the appeal of the faith, replied by quoting, in English, a passage from the American poet Wal-

"But in contentment I still feel "The need of some imperishable

That need for something imperishable, for something more satisfying than a job and a bank account, seems to be a major impulse behind the glut of new faiths.

"As Japan grew rich, many Japanese were perfectly satisfied doing their jobs and building careers," said Dougflourished after World War IL Some las Fox, professor of religion at Coloare still going strong, most notably, the rado College. "But others had a yearn-

Singapore to Help Filipinos Leave

SINGAPORE — Singapore said Monday that it would help expedite the departure of Philippine maids who wish to return home following the hanging of a compatriot for a

double murder. Since the March 17 execution, dozens of maids have registered with the Philippine Embassy to take up an offer by President Fidel V. Ramos of the Philippines for a free ride

home. A Philippine Air Force C-130 transport plane was reported ready to fly to Singapore to ferry the maids.

A Singapore Foreign Ministry statement said the authorities had agreed to a Philippine request to secure diplomatic and landing electrons for the plane. Singapore is "ready to and landing clearance for the plane. Singapore is "ready to work closely with the Philippine Embassy to facilitate the departure of the domestic helpers," the statement said. It was not immediately known how many maids want to go back. About 75,000 Filipino maids work in Singapore. (AP)

Burma Army Affirms Power Grip

RANGOON - Burma's military, which has been in power for 35 of the last 50 years, reaffirmed Monday that it would retain a hold on political leadership even after a new constitution was introduced. The junta leader, General Than Shwe, also urged the country's remaining insurgents as well-assopposition political groups to give up their struggles.

al would like to confirm here once again that the Tatmadaw is always welcoming the armed groups in the jungles," he said, referring to the country's military. "Above-ground political forces are also covered by the Tarmadaw's national

reconciliation programs."

General Than Shwe spoke before more than 3,000 troops celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Burmese Army and the beginning of a resistance movement against Japanese occupiers in World War II.



Soldier getting a garland during jubilee in Rangoon.

### Tamil Rebels Bar Mediation Offer

NEW DELHI - Tamil rebels have sourned a French offer to mediate an end to the 11-year ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka, the Sri Lankan prime minister, Chandrika Bandanaraike Kumaratunga, said Monday.

"The government of France was willing to suggest senior diplomats as mediators but they have refused," Mrs. Kumaratunga told India's state run Doordarshan television, referring to the rebels. The Tamil rebels have been lighting for a separate homeland in the north and the east since 1984. The conflict has left 34,000 people dead.

#### U.K.-China Talks Called Useful

HONG KONG — Britain and China announced progress Monday in resolving their dispute over a plan to clean up pollution in waters around Hong Kong. China has criticized

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the \$2.33 billion cleanup as environmentally unsound and complained that it was not properly consulted on the plan.

After five hours of talks, Chinese and British officials said they agreed that a cleanup was urgently needed. James Blake, the British negotiator, described the meeting as "very useful and very productive."

The officials' tone appeared in marked contrast to separate British-Chinese talks Friday on establishing an appeals court for Hong Kong Officials energed from that meeting blaming

for Hong Kong. Officials emerged from that meeting blaming each other for delays in setting up the court, which would be Hong Kong's highest court after the Chinese takeover. (AP)

#### **VOICES** From Asia

Gong Ro Myung, the South Korean foreign minister, as talks remained stalled on curtailing North Korea's nuclear program: The United States and South Korea should com-

Jeffrey E. Garten, the U.S. undersecretary of commerce for. international trade, on talks with Japan on opening its auto-mobile market: "It is too early to characterize whether progress has been made, but both sides are working very hard at it."

Massyoshi Takessura, the Japanese finance minister: "An Japan. But we have told the central bank that 'flexible

#### On Drug Traffickers tual executions. HANOI - The Vietnamese The reports said one of those executed had been convicted of having 36 kilograms (80

Vietnam Opens War

authorities, coocerned about their country's position in the international narcotics trade, have begnn a crackdown on drugs, including increased arrests and seizures and the execution of drug dealers.

Last month, the U.S. govern-

ment placed Vietnam on a list of 29 countries that produce opium or serve as a major transit point for drugs destined for the United States.

Since then, the Vietnamese press has reported the executions of two drug traffickers in Hanoi, a rare announcement in a country where media generally limits itself to reporting

pounds) of opium and the other of having 2.1 kilos of heroin. Since January 1994, a dozen

death sentences have been handed down, but it was not known whether all the executions had been carried out. In recent weeks, newspapers

also have reported large scizures of heroin and opium in north and central Vietnam, despite reinforced control mea-sures and the risk traffickers face of being sentenced to death if caught.

The scizures of several dozer kilograms of opium and a few kilograms of beroin were made in the mountainous provinces of Lao Cai, Lai Chan and Son La in the northwest, where opi-um, the raw material of heroin, is grown. Scizines also were made in the central provinces of Thanh Hoa and Nghe An and in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, all principal transit points.

The authorities are encouraging local people to grow some thing other than opium poppies in the regions along the Chinese and Lactism borders, where an estimated 5,000 tons of opium are produced each year. But opium produces more money for the poor and isolated local

Gets Higher tribes than anything can grow.

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The victnamese authorities of the Vietnamese economy. They are especially worried about the risks of AIDS posed

by intravenous drug use, and by rising criminality. The government's anti-drug budget for 1995 is 50 billion dong (\$5 million) and anti-drug asures are to be extensively debated in the National Assem-

Vietnam also intends to co-operate with the United Nations this year in a global program against the illegal drug business, according to an official in the Labor and Social

bly session that opens this

Affairs Ministry. There are 180,000 drug addicts in Vietnam, according to official statistics, and they account for 80 percent of the country's 2,238 AIDS cases.

While opium smoking was the main cause of addiction before 1975, addicts oow have access to heroin, cocaine and mor-phine. Where opium smoking was once confined to the rich and aged, modern drug abuse touches all classes.

plete military preparations for every scenario."

interest rate cut is a matter to be decided by the Bank of monetary policy' would be included in today's announcement, and the point is that we included it." (Bloomberg)

# Pact on North Korea Reactors No Nearer, Christopher Says

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WASHINGTON — The
U.S. secretary of state, Warren ington promised Pyongyang as

North Korea with light-water says Pyongyang must take the reactors, which Washington promised Pyongyang as

In a related development, The project became controversial last year after a British M. Christopher, said Monday that no agreement had yet been reached on supplying North Korea with nuclear reactors, deal under which Britain sold but he denied that the deal to control the north's nuclear program had disintegrated.

"I certainly would not describe the discussions as having been broken down or broken off, but nor has there been any agreement reached," Mr. Christopher said here after talks between U.S. and North Korean negotiators in Berlin ended two

days ahead of schedule. He said that there had been "some suggestions" made during the talks, and that "our team will come back and review the discussion and we'll be able to react to what proposals are

put on the table at that time." The negotiators in Berlin

part of their deal in October to rein in its nuclear program.

William Wanlund, the spokesman for the U.S. diplomatic mission in Berlin, said, The delegation is going back to Washington now to consider some proposals."

"I wouldn't call them broken up," he said of the talks. "We're going to go back to Washington and think about what the Koreans put forward."

South Korea and the United States have hinted that North Korea could face economic sanctions imposed by the UN Security Council if it backs out of the arrangement, and North Korea has responded by threatening to restart its nuclear pro-

North Korea has refused to accept reactors made by South were trying to resolve a dispute Korea and instead has asked for over which country will supply U.S. reactors. But Washington

In a related development, Foreign Minister Gong Ro Myung of South Korea arged Monday that the United States and South Korea improve the readiness of their forces in the peninsula.

"The United States and South Korea should complete military preparations for every scenario," Mr. Gong told Admiral Richard C. Macke, the commander of U.S. Pacific

Mr. Gong's office did not claborate on the talks with Admiral Macke. But the Yonhap press agency said he had called a for reinforcing the 37,000 U.S. a troops in South Korea.

Mr. Gong warned that ten-sions could increase again on

the peninsula because of Pyongyang's rejection of Scoul's reactors. (Reuters, AFP)



# Rise in Illegal Gun Sales Triggers China Crackdown

BEIJING — The police seized 120,000 firearms in six regions during a monthloog crackdown last year amid a surge in illegal ownership of weapons that has paralleled worsening crime, a report said Monday.

The police in the northeastern cities of Beijing and Tianjin, as well as northern Shanxi and Liaoning and Sept. 28, the Beijing Youth Daily said. Illegal sales and smuggling of arms has worsened in recent years, particularly in the south, where illegal arms markets have sprung up, the report said. It added that 500 trafficking cases had been dealt with since

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It blamed the trend in part on worsening trafficking of drugs from the nearby narcotics-producing region of the so-called Golden Triangle — straddling Thailand, Laos and Burma — into China's southern prov-

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that the Treasury was not con-vinced that the British constructors of the 1.3 billion ring-git (\$520 million) hydroelectric dam were justified in asking for an extra 160 million ringgit. "Negotiations would be al-

lowed to proceed between the Treasury and the contractors, but it would be very difficult for the claim to be met," Mr. Anwar was reported as saying. Contacted Monday, officials of Kerjaya Balfour Beatty, a British-Malaysian joint ven-

ture, said they had yet to get anything official from the government, but declined to comment further. Earlier this month, the company sought additional alloca-tions due to difficulties with underground tunnels that will supply water to turn the tur-bines of the project's bydroelec-

tric power plant. It is being fi-nanced by a British soft loan. "We think the original allocation is fair and don't think the project is worthy of an addi-tional demand," Mr. Anwar

parliamentary committee accused London of allowing aid for the dam to be linked to a Malaysia 28 jet fighter trainers and other weaponry. Britain said last November that it would honor its commit-

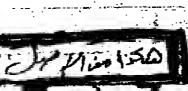
Malaysia despite a High Court ruling that the grant was illegal.

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Typhoid in South Pacific

ment to provide £234 million (\$375 million) for the project to

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea — Typhoid has broken out in refugee camps and villages around the port town of Rabaul, which was destroyed last year by volcanic



#### *EUROPE*



Iraqi children watching Turkish forces in northern Iraq. Washington voiced concern Monday over the incursion, and Bonn moved to halt military aid.

# Turks Push Kurds Toward Iraq's Far Borders

ZAKHO, Iraq — Turkish iroops have pushed Kurd-ish rebels toward the Syrian and Iranian borders, where battles raged Monday, Turkish commanders

Few details were available of the fighting on the eighth day of the Turkish incursion into northern Iraq. About 35,000 Turkish troops backed by warplanes and tanks invaded Iraq on March 20 to destroy bases of the Kurdish Workers Party, which has been fighting since

1984 for a Kurdish homeland in southeastern Turkey. Turkish troops in Zakho reported heavy fighting Monday in the Khakurk region, near Iran. Turkish officers at the Iraq-Turkey border said that Turkish tanks and special forces headed toward the Syrian border Sunday in pursuit of Kurdish guerrillas.

The United States, meanwhile, has warned Turkey against keeping troops in northern Iraq for an extended time and about reports of attacks on innocent civilians, the U.S. State Department said Monday.

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher directed the U.S. ambassador in Ankara to raise these concerns with Prime Minister Tansu Ciller over the weekend, the State Department spokeswoman, Christine D. Shelly, said Monday.

The Kurdish Workers Party has used bases in north-

em Iraq to carry out attacks against Turkey, and the Clinton administration was sympathetic at first to the Turkish military operation. However, the administra-tion appears to have become increasingly uneasy with the incursion.

Ms. Shelly acknowledged U.S. concerns about reports that the incursion was having "adverse effects against the civilians in northern Iraq" and that the military campaign may not end quickly.

Germany, another Western ally of Turkey's that is concerned over the incursion, took action Monday tantamount to suspending military sales to Ankara. The German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, announced plans to suspend \$105 million in government subsidies to German shipbuilders, part of a deal to sell German frigates to Turkey.

Peter Hinze, the general secretary of the Christian Democratic Union, said that the action, which also was approved by the liberal Free Democratic Party, the junior partner in the governing coalition, could be taken within a few days.

"NATO is not only a defense alliance but also a community of values," Mr. Hinze said, adding, "That is why we expect Turkey to accept human rights."

Turkey has said it is doing its utmost not to harm civilians in northern Iraq. But residents of two villages 30 kilometers (20 miles) southeast of Zakho asserted that Turkish planes and artillery struck two Kurdish villages last week, killing at least ooe person and wounding three others. A 5-year-old Iraqi Kurdish girl was also reported killed early in the operation, and a few Iraqi Kurds have been detained as suspected

#### BRIEFLY EUROPE

#### Worker Law Is Derailed

BRUSSELS - Social affairs ministers of the European Union failed Monday to agree on legislation to protect workers who are posted abroad, EU officials said.

The legislation is intended to ensure that workers who are sent temporarily to other EU countries — especially construction workers are oot exploited and do oot undercut local labor standards. The bill would require governments to guarantee them the same conditions as their own workers in such areas as pay, vacations,

hours and health and safety. The key dispute was over a proposal by France, which holds the rotating presidency, to allow countries to apply local rules on minimum wages and paid annual leave to workers sent by other Union states the first day they arrive.

But the proposal was criticized as too restrictive by ministers from Britain, Ireland, Portugal and Italy, officials and diplomats said. Germany. Belgium and Luxembourg supported applying local rules from the first day. (Reuters)

#### Aid to Gambia Is Frozen

BANJUL, Gambia - The European Union said Monday that it had told Gambia's military leader, Captain Yahya Jammeh, that it would not resume aid until he handed over power to an elected civilian government.

The European Commission office in Banjul said High Commissioner John Wilde of Britain had delivered the message to the captain over the weekend. "The statement makes clear that the resumption of European Union co-operatioo with Gambia is conditional on the country returning to a freely elected democratic system of government," the commission said. (Reuters)

#### EU Works on Animal Pact

BRUSSELS - European Union agriculture ministers were trying again Monday to agree oo time limits that would shorten the journeys that farm animals take to slaughter.

The ministers' governments are bitterly divided over an issue that has caused demonstrations and security policy commissioner, meets with Uoder pressure from animal rights activists, Brit- European Union. Mr. van den Broek also meets ain has sought an agreement to cap journey times with Miltiadis Evert, president of the Greek Neaat 15 hours. Germany and other oorthern Euro- Dimokratia party. pean nations support strict time limits. (AP)

#### Chernobyl Report Assailed

BRUSSELS — The European Commission on Monday dismissed as "unacceptable" a British newspaper's report that it had suppressed a re-port warning of a second catastrophic explosion

at the Chernobyl ouclear plant.

Nikolaus van der Pas, the commission's chief spokesman, said it had been at the forefroot of attempts to close down the Ukrainian plant, the site of the world's worst nuclear accident in 1986. The Observer said the study was suppressed by commission officials fighting with Ukraine over the site's future.

#### Cyprus Seeks WEU Talks

NICOSIA — Cyprus has asked to begin talks with the Western European Unioo in the hope of eventual membership, a government spokesman

said Monday.
"Our foreign minister has sent a letter to the WEU asking for a dialogue," said the spokes-man, Yiannakis Cassoulides.

The WEU, which cooperates on security and defense issues, comprises Belgium, Britain, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg. the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. (Reuters)

European Union events scheduled for Tuesday: BRUSSELS: Speeches by European Trade Commissioner Leon Brittan and Competition Commissioner Karel Van Miert at a conference organized by British Telecom.

BRUSSELS: Mario Monti, commissioner for the internal market, meets Etienne Davignon, president of the association for monetary union

BRUSSELS: Talks resume with Morocco on EU fishing rights off its coast.

BRUSSELS: Hans van den Broek, foreign -some violent - around the EU's 15 oations. José Cutileiro, secretary-general of the Western

Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

#### 11 Ministers Replaced in Turkey Cabinet

ANKARA - President Suleyman Demirel of Turkey on Monday dismissed Foreign Minister Murat Karayalcin and replaced 10 other ministers in a cabinet reshuffle prompted by the internal politics of a partner in the coalition govern-

Prime Minister Tansu Ciller submitted the list to Mr. Demirel earlier in the day. The appointments

All the departing ministers are from the socialdemocratie Republican People's Party. The reshuffle had been expected since Hikmet Cetin took over the party on Feb. 18; he becomes state minister and

deputy prime minister. Erdal Inonu, a veteran social-democratic figure, takes over from Mr. Karayalcin, a week into a huge military operation into Iraq that has triggered sharp criticism from Turkey's Western allies: But political observers said it was unlikely Mr. Inonu would change tack on the war.

Last Wednesday, the True Path Party of Mrs. Ciller and its coalition partner, the Republican People's Party, agreed on a new protocol to enable their coalition to stay in power. The coalition initially consisted of the True Path Party and the People's Social Democratic Party, which was subsumed within the Republican's People's Party, last month.

# **Irish Peace Process**

New York Times Service

At the urging of Mr. Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, the

leader is expected to ask Mr. Bruton to express more support for Sinn Fein and less for the position of Protestant leaders in the North, and to press Britain to upgrade the level of its talks. Sinn Fein wants to talk with British ministers instead of the civil servants who have been meeting them since December.

Sinn Fein officials and supporters have recently been privately criticizing Mr. Bruton, who they see as pressing Mr. Adams harder than the British to make concessions that would advance the peace effort.

.This seemed clear to them two weeks ago, when Mr. Ad-ams and Mr. Bruton visited Washington for separate meetings with President Bill Clinton. In their view, Mr. Brutoo repeatedly oeedled Sinn Fein, insisting that Mr. Adams and his

**Faces New Dispute** 

DUBLIN - A dispute over

IRA political wing, the two leaders will meet Tuesday to try to smooth over their differences, at least publicly, the officials say. Particularly, the Sinn Fein

party had to persuade the IRA

#### IRA Complains About Prime Minister

By James F. Clarity

how to advance the Northern Ireland peace process has developed between Prime Minister John Bruton and Gerry Adams, the political leader of the Irish Republican Army, according to officials on both sides.

to make a convincing gesture toward disarmament.

Mr. Bruton also urged the British to make concessions on releasing IRA prisoners and reforming the overwhelmingly Protestant, and some Catholics say, repressive, Northern Ireland police force, But Sinn Fein argues that he was much less forceful in his criticism of Brit-

> Sinn Fein has long been suspicious of Mr. Bruton's attitude toward the Northern peace cffort. Before be replaced Albert Reynolds as Prime Minister in December, Mr. Bruton was attacked by Sinn Fein supporters as a "unionist" - that is, a supporter of the Protestant unionist majority in the North that wants to remain part of Britain. He was considered hostile to the ultimate IRA goal of a united Ireland, free of British

Nonetheless, since be became Prime Minister, Mr. Bruton has had several talks with Mr. Adams, and supported the White House decision to permit Mr. Adams to visit the United States to raise money for Sinn Fein.

control.

Some analysts feel that if the disarmament issue was settled, Mr. Bruton would be better able than any Irish politician to persuade the unionists to oegotiate eventually with Sinn Fein for a settlement of the guerrilla

warfare that began in 1969. The dispute between Mr. Brutoo and Mr. Adams surfaced as Sinn Fein and Britain were debating conditions that would lead to a first meeting between Sinn Pein officials and British ministers. Uotil now, Britain has limited its exploratory talks with Sinn Fein to senior civil servants, largely because Sinn Fein has been reluctant to discuss the specifics of an IRA disarmament.

Both sides have discussed in a kind of semantic Ulsterspeak "decommissioning," as the British call it, and "demilitarization," in the Sinn Fein jargon. The purpose is not to seem to be making dishonorable concesweeks and occupied govern-

> In a televisioo interview Monday, Mr. Adams made no direct reference to the disagreement with Mr. Bruton, but emphasized that he wanted to hear Mr. Bruton's views on prisoner release and reform of the Ulster Constabulary.

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#### **Blockade of Roads and Rails** ATHENS - Greek farmers. fighting against a new tax law, pledged Monday to continue a weeklong blockade of the na-Orthodox Easter is on April

**Greek Farmers Vow to Pursue** 

tion's north-south roads and Hundreds of tractors have

cut off links between Athens and the main northern port city of Salonika, effectively cutting the country into two parts and disrupting traffic and fuel sup-Despite repeated pleas by the socialist government to aban-

don the protest, the farmers said that their resolve had oot

MOSCOW - The head of

the Bolshoi opera company resigned on Monday, the second

high-ranking artist to quit in a

month in a protracted row over

the leadership of the world-

famous theater, the ltar-Tass

Alexander Lazarev, chief

conductor and head of the op-

era company for seven years,

was a supporter of the former

news agency said.

if our demands aren't met," a

Merchants have joined the tax revolt as well, calling for a nationwide strike Wednesday. They have shut shops sporadically around Greece for two

ment offices. The main complaint against the law is that it sets a minimum tax that nonsalaried workers must pay, regardless of their declared income.

Parliament passed the law last year in an effort to force the nation's notorious legion of tax evaders to pay their share.

Bolshoi director.

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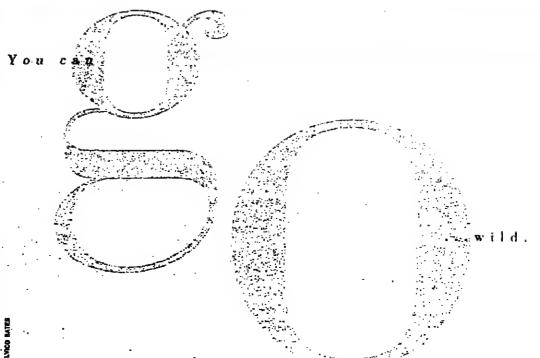
being incompetent and were

Another Artist Bows Out of Bolshoi artistic director Yuri Grigoro-vich, who left earlier this month

over a long-running dispute Itar-Tass quoted Mr. Lazarev with Vladimir Kokonin, the as saying in a statement that his Itar-Tass Quoted Mr. Lazarev resignation was "directly linked to the reforms of the adminis-A third Bolshoi member, Valeri Levantal, the chief designer, also has tendered his resignation itar-Tass said.

transport also has tendered his resigna-Mr. Grigorovich and his supvictory over the people of art and art itself." porters accused Mr. Kokonin of

Mr. Lazarev had already left upset at the introduction of for London, apparently for a short-term contracts to replace permanent job, Tass said.



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# **UN Threatens Serbs** With NATO Strikes For Hitting 'Havens'

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — United Nations peacekeepers threatened Bosnian Serbs on Monday with NATO air strikes if they persisted in attacking civilians, and pressure from the West mounted on the Bosnian government to halt military action.

The threat of UN action against the Serbs followed their shelling of four UN "safe havens" last week in retaliation for offensives in northern and central Bosnia by the Muslimled government army.

Attacks which come from outside a safe area and which deliberately target civilians will meet a resolute response from us, including the use of air power," said Colum Murphy, a UN

In Bonn, Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel reminded the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, of a pledge he gave early this month in Germany not to launch an offensive in Bosnia.

"I call on President Izetbego vic to adhere to this declaration and do everything be can so that a conflagration does not ensue in Bosnia," Mr. Kinkel

Fighting has raged for more than a week for control of two key communications facilities in northern and central Bosnia, shattering a four-month truce that was not due to expire until the end of April UN officials say the Bosnian Army bad gained ground against the Serbs

in the campaign.

The five-power "contact group" also voiced concern on Monday and said it would keep up efforts to bring the warring parties to the negotiating table.

"All members of the group were very concerned at the deteriorating situation on the ground in Besnia," Britain's Foreign Office said in a statement after a six-hour meeting in London of the group, which in-cludes the United States, Russia, Germany, France and Brit-

"The contact group will continue its efforts to bring about early negotiations concerning Bosnia, and calls on the Bosnian Serbs to accept the contact group plan as a starting point."

The Serbs have rejected the

Mr. Murphy, spokesman for the UN commander in Bosnia. Lieutenaat General Rupert Smith, said his commander's warning of air strikes by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization must be taken seriously.

He said General Smith was ready to take "very forceful action" and that "there are no hollow threats here."

Mr. Murpby spoke after the UN decided against calling NATO in during the weekend when Bosnian Serbian gunners pounded the eastern Bosnian enclave of Gorazde, seriously wounding seven civilians.

Mr. Murphy said the UN

could not find the attacking ar-tillery batteries and had decided on restraint for political reasons while seeking talks with the Bosnian Serbian army commander, General Ratko Mia-



Sarajevans, their wheelbarrows loaded with flour, dodging bullets behind French UN vehicles on Monday as suiping activity in the capital increased.

# Vladimir Maximov, 64, Author Exiled by Moscow, Dies in Paris

PARIS -- The Russian writer and playwright Vladimir Maximov, once a leading Soviet dissident, died Sunday in Paris, friends said. He was 64. Mr. Maximov, whose name at birth was Samsonov, had been suffer-. ing from cancer

Born Nov. 27, 1930, Mr. Maximov lost his parents to Stalin's camps. He took on the life of a nomad, running with street thieves, often chased by police. He spent periods in prisons and camps.

Mr. Maximov moved toward a literary career in 1952, gaining his first real recognition 10 years later when be joined in inner-city roots to America's publishing a dissident literary authology. His short story "Man Is Alive" was recreated Ezy-E, whose real name was on stage to much success. He joined the literary review "Ok-tiabre," but left it in 1968 to protest the Soviet intervention

Banned from the writers' came to be known as "gangsta" union in 1973, he was forced rap. into exile the following year. Mr. Maximov then founded the Russian literary review "Continent," which appeared in several languages and carried contri-

butions from well-known

dissidents. He is best known for

A Train for Moscow."

"Seven Days of Creation" and

Eazy-E, 31, Rap Music Star Who Started 'Gangsta' Style

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) -Eazy-E, 31, a pioneering rap music star who helped carry hardcore "gangsta" rap from its

Eric Wright, was founder of the rap group N.W.A., which re-leased a string of hit albums, starting in the mid-1980s with a tough-talking street style that China,"

The group, which would later break up, stirred outrage with foul-mouthed lyrics and drew the ire of law-enforcement officials, who said it promoted violence against police officers.

Joseph Needham, 94, Wrote History of Chinese Science

LONDON (NYT) - Joseph Needham, 94, a prolific British blochemist and scientific historian who spent decades researching, writing and editing a monumental history of scientifie development in China, died on Friday. The cause of death was not announced

professor, and the author of handbags and luggage became more than a dozen books on a an emblem of the international broad range of topics. His jet set. crowning achievement was Science and Civilization in

#### **GUCCI:** Slain in Milan

Continued from Page 1 ness associates. In 1993, he surrendered all management and supervisory functions to Investcorp, an Arab investment group that had already bought up shares belonging to other family members in 1987. That deal was reported to bave cost Investcorp, which also owns stakes in Chaumet of Paris and

Saks Fifth Avenue, between \$160 million and \$170 million. Mr. Gucci was the grandson of Guccio Gucci, a former waiter at the Savoy Hotel in London who started out in the leather trade with a saddler's shop in his native Florence. His son, Aldo Gucci, went on to build the family business into a flagship of Italian craftsmanship and style, to the point that its red and green stripe and inter-Mr. Needham was a lecturer, locking GG logo on shoes,

> "We are shaken and deeply grieved," said Carla Fendi, of the Fendi fashion bouse, "because a name which has meant much in the history of Italian fashion has been dealt a blow."

"A pioneer of good taste, be-fore the made in Italy boom, Gucci was among the first -if not the first - to export the Italian style to the entire world," she added.

The Gucci family dynasty as to collarse in the third i eration, as Maurizio and his cousin Paolo battled for control of the company in feuds so wellpublicized that they were soon dubbed Italy's modern-day Borgias. Paolo Gucci once traced the bad blood back to the firm's founder.

"Grandfather would play his sons off against each other whenever be could to show they had blood in their veins," he was quoted as saying:

Maurizio Guccio, who had inherited a half share in the company in 1983 from his father. Rudolpho, was known for his free-spending ways, with homes in New York, Connecticut, Rome, Milan and in St. Moritz, Switzerland, his last official residence.

He was also the owner of a. world-class schooner that had belonged to Stavros Niarchos, nurture its own commercial airthe Greek shipping magnate, on which he reportedly spent \$6 million. Mr. Gucci was de-scribed by his former wife, Patrizia, from whom he was di-vorced in 1985 as living in a state of "power-generated para-

#### BOEING: Airplane Giant's Bet

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plane without beseeching share-holders for cash. And that has galled a generation of Boeing executives. For years, they got angry about Airbus's European subsidies. But with the 777, they finally tried to get even. They formed their own version of a multinational consortium.

Boeing, the United States' iggest exporter, defended its strategy as a way to sell planes throughout Asia's booming aerospace market. It also said that given the enormous expense of developing a new jetliner, spreading the risk internationally has become a necessity three Japanese companies to

build pieces of its 767.) ing building up the Japanese aerospace industry to the point that it may one day design its Boeing at its own game.

Meanwhile, the generation of Boeing executives who shep-

herded the 777 through produc-

Boeing copied the Airbus playbook in its approach to financing the 777. It fined up three large Japanese manufacturing companies as "risk-shar-ing partners." The Japanese companies spent hundreds of millions, or even billions of dollars (no one will say how much), designing and building the

Hedging its bet on the 777 this way, Boeing has created what some analysts call a "virtual Airbus," because the Japanese companies, known as "the three heavies" — Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Fuji Heavy Industries and Kawasaki Heavy Industries — are all subsidized by the Japanese government. In return, Japan's airlines promised to buy TTIs.

But critics say Boeing is riskown airliners and challenge

"Boeing's playing with fire," said Matt Bates, a spokesman for the International Associa-tion of Machinists, which repre-sents employees at the 777 plant in Everett, Washington, the world's biggest building under one roof. "It's giving away a lot of jobs for future sales, and risking setting itself up to be demolished in future years."

Indeed, the Ministry for International Trade and Industry in Japan has sought for years to craft industry. It has pressed Boeing for more responsibility in designing and integrating the TTT's key components, industry. officials said. But Boeing has resisted.

tion is taking over the company, starting with its president, Philip M. Condit, who is expected to succeed Frank A. Shrontz as chief executive this year.

ministration's flight testing of part. the 777 has gone well, and the plane is on track for final approval next month, Bocing said. Aside from some mishaps last month a test plane depressurized at 43,000 feet because of a faulty valve, sending four employees to the hospital with the bends — the testing has yielded fewer glitches than the company encounters on mature aircraft that have been flying for

A measure of Boeing's confidence is the fact that it is seeking FAA approval for the plane to fly over oceans from the start of its service life, a first for a new aircraft. In the past, manufacturers received such approv-al only after an aircraft had been in service for years.

But Boeing is putting the 777 through extremely rigorous tests - 1,000 flights re-all weather conditions and altitudes, including shutting off engines in mid-flight - to have it ready for its first customer, United to fly trans-Atlantic routes from the first day in ser-

Given the long lead times for ordering planes, Boeing has been selling the 777 for years. In for all commercial airframe the last five years, 147 of the makers. (This set-up is not entirely new for Boding. In the sold around the world were 1980s, it turned to the same 777s. They cost \$120 million each. Bad news for Boeing, however, is that it did not sell a single 777 last year.

In its marketing, Boeing boasts about its new fly-by-wire technologies and advanced, computerized self-diagnostic systems, in which mechanics push buttons to find glitches. Airbus points out that those features have been on its planes for years.

But nobody has seen anything like the engines on the 777. Other bulking planes that make long flights, such as the 747 and the Airbus A-340, have four engines. But the 777 has two, and they are buge. The ones on the 777-B version will be so wide that the fuselage of a 737 could fit in one.

Industry officials said Boeing may have trouble selling the 777 in Asia because of concerns about crossing the Pacific with only two engines. It is just the kind of delicate issue on which international aircraft sales can be won or lost.

**Prosecutor** Can Attack Simpson's Houseguest

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
LOS ANGELES — The prosecution in the O. J. Simpson murder case has been grant-ed permission to treat a Simpson housequest, Brian (Kato) Kaciin, as a hostile witness.

The decision by Judge Lance A. Ito permits Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark to attack her own prosecution witness without repeated objections from Mr. Simpson's. defense team

Legal analysts said it was unusual for a prosecutor to seek to undermine the credibility of a prosecution witness. Mr. Kaelin gave valuable evidence about hearing a thump on a wall at Mr. Simpson's mansion where a bloody glove was discovered. Mr. Kaelin testified under

Ms. Clark's aggressive questioning that Mr. Simpson was upset in the hours before his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ron-ald L. Goldman, were stabbed

He had previously said Mr. Simpson appeared "normal" on the evening of June 12, 1994, but changed his testimony to say Mr. Simpson was "upset" over an incident with his daughter, Sydney, following a dance The Federal Aviation Adrecital in which she had taken

Mr. Kaelin said Mr. Simpson also was "a little bit upset" over his former wife's wearing a tight dress to the recital. He said Mr. Simpson told him that he had wanted to spend time with his daughter after the recital but that Nicole Sompson had allowed him to see the girl only briefly before taking ber to have dinner with friends

The former football star has denied the murder charges.

Monday's hearing was interrupted for 30 minutes when an anonymous telephone caller said a bomb had been planted in the courtroom. The court was searched but nothing suspicious was found.

Earlier, one of the defense attorneys. Robert Shapiro, asked Judge Ito to punish the prosecution for "grandstanding," at the end of each week's

iestimony.

Mr. Shapiro pointed to Ms.
Clark's last question to Mr.
Kaelin on Thursday before a
long weekend break in which
she asked if the bouseguest knew that Mr. Simpson's maid, Michelle, had opened the door for Mr. Simpson so he could go into a room where Nicole Simpson was hiding from him in

incident. Indge Ito told the jury to ig-nore the question as Mr. Kaelin did not known Nicole Simpson until 1992. He did not grant Mr. Shapiro's request to punish the prosecution, however.

Ms. Clark also asked Mr. Kaelin if he knew whether Mr. Simpson had an argument with Nicole Simpson during a cellular phone call from the Rivicra Country Club on June 12.

Ms. Clark's question marks the first time the prosecution suggested that Mr. Simpson had any contact with his former wife on the day of her death other than the recital for Sydney Simpson, after which Mr. Simpson and Nicole Simpson

Also Monday, Mr. Kaclin said that Mr. Simpson tried to help him get a role in a feature film. Contradicting his own testimony, Mr. Kaelin said that in May, a month before the murders, Mr. Simpson placed a phone call on Mr. Kaelin's behalf to assist his effort to get a part on the film "Outpost.

#### FISH: **EU Halts Talks**

Continued from Page 1 March 9 and charged with using

outlawed small-mesh nets. The seizure prompted the EU to break off formal contacts. with Canada and threaten trade sanctions. The tension eased when the boat was released on March 15 and both sides agreed to try to negotiate a settlement.

But the talks have failed to make much headway over how to divide the 27,000-ton limit placed on 1995 catches of Greenland halibut by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization:

Mr. Tobin approved the use of a new device Sunday called a warp-cutter to slice the net of the Pescamar after a chase on the high seas involving Fisheries and Coast Guard ships and a dozen trawlers of the Spanish

The chase was called off without an arrest, but Mr. Tobin said he was pleased with the disruption of the fish catch. The Pescamar lost about \$100,000 worth of gear as well as its

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combined forces had toppled the Communist government left behind when Soviet troops pulled out of Afghanistan after a decade of occupation and

Much of the university has been destroyed by rocket attacks, dozens of its students have been killed, and it has been looted of most of its books and equipment. A month ago, during a brief cease-fire, it reopened to a handful of students, only to have 10 professors killed in a rocket attack a few days later.

Amid the rubble of their shattered careers, Waheeda, a professor of natural sciences, and Mr. Ahmed, who taught agriculture, began dating just as the university was closed. They became engaged six months ago and started searching for an opportunity to hold a traditional

Muslim wedding.

But the rockets continued to fall, friends continued to die, and peace remained an illusion Afghanistan, then changed into despite the occasional short- a white bridal dress and veil lived cease-fire.

talist Muslim student militia appeared on the outskirts of Kabul and brought another halt to the daily bombardments, the

We made our plans trying not to think of the launching of rockets and the firing of guns," said the groom, dressed in a light gray suit.

couple set the date.

The Taleban, bowever, then mounted one of the most devastating attacks on Kabul of any of the warring factions, killing and wounding an estimated 1,500 people and leaving thousands more homeless in two weeks of fighting.

Undeterred, the bride-to-be and her mother trolled the few remaining boutiques in central Kabul, timing their shopping expeditions between bombins raids and rocket bombardments.

"We'd go to the bazaar and the rockets would start comgreen gown and veil to the wedding, as is Muslim custom in

WEDDING: A Sign of Hope Amid the Ruins of Kabul Last week, after government forces pushed the Taleban militia well out of rocket range of

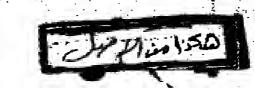
the city, Kabul got a respite from the fighting, just in time for the planned wedding. As the men and women filed into separate rooms to sit on red Afghan carpets and eat the wedding feast of meats, vegetables, rice and oranges, the talk

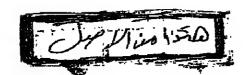
turned to the war. Afsana Rasa, 28, an English professor wearing an elegant ankie-length velvet dress, glanced around the room at the

colorful party dresses. While the faces and fashions exuded beauty, she said, "Our hearts see something else."

#### Jewish Cemetery Attacked

FRANKFURT - The DO lice said two 13-year-old Gering," the bride said. She wore a mans vandalized a Jewish cemctery on Sunday, uprooting grave stones and drawing swastikas on walls. They said the incident occurred in Bebra, 130 after the mullah, or religious kilometers (80 miles) northwest A month ago, about the same leader, performed the marriage of here. It was not clear whether time the Taleban, a fundamen-ceremony.





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#### INTERNATIONAL

# **Burundi President Sees Start of New** Wave of Genocide

By Barry James

Following ethnic violence that took scores of lives over the weekend, the president of Bu-rundi warned on Monday that the country faces genocidal killing similar to that in neighboring Rwanda last year.

President Sylvestre Ntiban-tunganya told Belgian radio that it was "the beginning of genocide" as ethnic Hutu fled

#### **Gunmen Slay Leading Editor Near Algiers**

ALGIERS — Islamic ex-tremists shot and killed Mohammed Abderahmani, the editor in chief of the government daily Al Moudjahid, on Mon-day, security officials said.

Mr. Abderahmani was killed as he sat in his car in a traffic jam in the eastern Ruisseau suburb of Algiers, an official statement said. The killers escaped in a vehicle that was wait-

Mr. Abderahmani was the 30th journalist to be murdered since May 1993 in attacks blamed on Islamic militants who have been in revolt against the secular, army-based government for the past three years.

Another El Moudjahid journalist, Ferhat Cherkit, was shot and killed in central Algiers a few weeks ago, and a third escaped last month when his car was riddled with bullets.

A member of Mr. Abderahmani's family said that a "suspi-cious group" had turned up at his home over the weekend, Mr. Abderahmani was not there and "we advised him not to come back," the family member

The Armed Islamic Group, the most radical movement at war with the government, has recently stepped up its attacks on journalists and warned that

rave fled Algeria, many of them

their homes in fear of a massa cre by the dominant Tutsi

In Rwanda last summer, Hntu slanghtered at least 500,000 Tutsi and moderate members of their own ethnic group before a Tutsi-dominated rebel force marched in from the east, driving millions of Hutu who feared revenge to seek refuge in neighboring countries.

In Burundi, bowever, Tutsi control the army and the street gangs responsible for pushing an estimated 50,000 Hutu out of parts of the capital, Bujum-

Diplomats feared a recurrence of the murderous civil wars in 1991 and in 1993, when an estimated 50,000 Burundi-ans were killed, with equal numbers of Hutu and Tutsi falling victim to the army and po-

Foreign Minister Alain Juppé of France said all the ingredients for a new showdown between Hutu and Tutsi were present. France sent an airplane to Bujumbura to evac-uate about 150 of its nationals and advised all French citizens to leave unless their presence was definitely necessary.

In a new report on the situa-tion, the Minority Rights Group warned that an un-checked conflict in Burundi could quickly spread to Rwan-da and the Kivu region of Zaire, putting about 20 million people at risk in central Africa. After Rwanda, Burundi is Africa's second most densely populated

The report said the coalition of the army and extremist groups, the setting up of a Hutu popular army, operations simed at ethnic cleansing and the impact of the Rwanda genocide together with constant radicalization of politics made civil war in Burundi ever more like-

"No society can sustain such pressures without eventually apsing into all-ont violence." the report said. "Burundi is at a major turning point."

President Ntibantunganya said that Hutu had been the 'all those who fight with the main victims of the latest round' pen" will die "by the sword." of violence, in which an esti-More than 200 journalists mated 150 people have been



Mrs. Mandela visiting a squatter camp near Cape Town before her dismissal.

#### MANDELA: President Dismisses Wife From Cabinet

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tionable business deal in the league's name, without her board's approval.

The announcement of her lismissal was delayed until Monday so it would not interfere with a week-long visit by the Queen of England. This past weekend, sensing the end, Mrs. Mandela got in one last parting shot.

She blasted the government for spending \$700,000 to spruce up for the queen — including huying "\$1,400 tablecloths" —

It is anyhody's guess where bers of her so-called soccer club Mrs. Mandela's political fortunes go from here. She has already lost the support of some they suspected of being a police of her most prominent populist informer. Many anti-apartheid leaders in the ANC includes the support of the allies within the ANC, includ- leaders here turoed against her

will continue, and could hring riage. more troubles. But Mrs. Mandela has been in trouble with those travails, and she seems the law before.

In 1991, she was convicted of support of the poorest of the kidnapping and accessory to as- poor, for whom her critique

ing Tokyo Sexwale, premier of as a result of that crime; it, the Gauteng Province around Johanneshurg.

as a result of that crime; it, more than anything, led Mr. Mandela to separate from her The corruption investigation in 1992 after 34 years of mar-

But she bounced back from likely this time to retain the

## Reaching to Right a Wrong Race-Based U.S. Aid Flourishes in South Africa

By Paul Taylor Washington Post Service

PRETORIA - At a time when affirmative action and minority set-aside programs have humped into a political backlash in the United States, race-based grants are flourishing as never before in the U.S. foreign aid program in South Africa.

In the past three years, the U.S. Agency for International Development mission here has used quotas and other racepreference strategies to increase sharply the percentage of South African aid recipients who are black and of U.S.-based contractors for the agency who are African Americans.

Grant recipients, many outsiders and the South African government all have lavish praise for the U.S. agency's mission here, which focuses on education, housing, husiness development and governance. They say it appropriately and un-abashedly channels resources to the neediest South Africans: blacks victimized by centuries of white domination and decades of the former white-minority government's apartheid system of racial separation.

But the program has drawn flak both from within the U.S. agency and without. Two disgruntled former employees of the mission have launched a public campaign to denounce it as misguided and possibly illegal, and their complaints have riggered several internal invesligations, Some South African groups that have had grant ap-plications denied or discontinued also have voiced concerns.

The critics contend that the agency has pursued a policy of 'apartheid in reverse" hy structuring its \$200 million-a-year rogram here primarily to satisvideological and pork-harrel ressures from the African American lobby in the United States. In so doing, they say, the agency is undermining South African efforts to build a successful multiracial society.

"Seeing African American politicians and officials abuse merican regulations for the benefit of other African Ameri- 1985 during the era of internacans creates the reasonable per- tional economic sanctions ception that they are more con- against the white-minority govcerned about their own ernment and has always been interests than those of South unique; it was the only mission Africans," Harry Johnson, a ca- of the U.S. agency in the world

Congress.

The director of the mission, Leslie A. Dean, defended the policy to steer as much of the program as possible through African American contractors.

"We have pushed it, and I make no apology for that," he said. "The work done here by U.S. minorities has been outstanding." Mr. Dean said that African Americans had a special understanding of the chal-lenges facing South African blacks in such areas as business development and education. Similarly, the U.S. ambassador to South Africa, Princeton

'It is disturbing that this level of participation should lead to charges of reverse discrimination.'

Princeton N. Lyman. the U.S. ambassador to South Africa.

N. Lyman, defended the mission's move toward funding hlack-led organizations, sometimes at the expense of whiteled, multiracial groups that boast impeccable anti-apartheid credentials and greater organizational capacity to absorb outside donor funding.

"When I got here, I heard Africans that the AID program was condescending and patronizing — that the only way hlacks got money was when it his allegations have trigpassed through the hands of whites," said Mr. Lyman, who arrived in 1992.

'So we had to ask ourselves: Are we really helping to build capacity among blacks or not? I think we had to send a message to some of these white-led groups: It's time to practice what you preach when it comes to black empowerment."

The program was launched in

wrote recently to a member of All funds went to private organizations — most of them white-led — for scholarships and for anu-apartheid and hu-

man rights activities. With the election last year of a democratic, hlack-led government, the mission shifted its priorities toward housing, edu-cation and business development programs for blacks. Most of the money still goes through

nongovernment groups. The level of funding has grown from \$7 million in 1925 to \$200 million this year. This is now Washington's largest nonfood foreign aid mission in sub-Saharan Africa; on a per capita basis, the United States donates more money to South Africa

than to Russia. As the focus of the program has changed, so has the com-plexion of recipients and con-tractors. In 1992, 25 percent of U.S. aid to South Africa went to hlack-led groups: hy 1994, that figure had risen to 51 percent. The country is 76 percent hlack and 14 percent white, while 74 percent of Americans are white and 12.5 percent black.

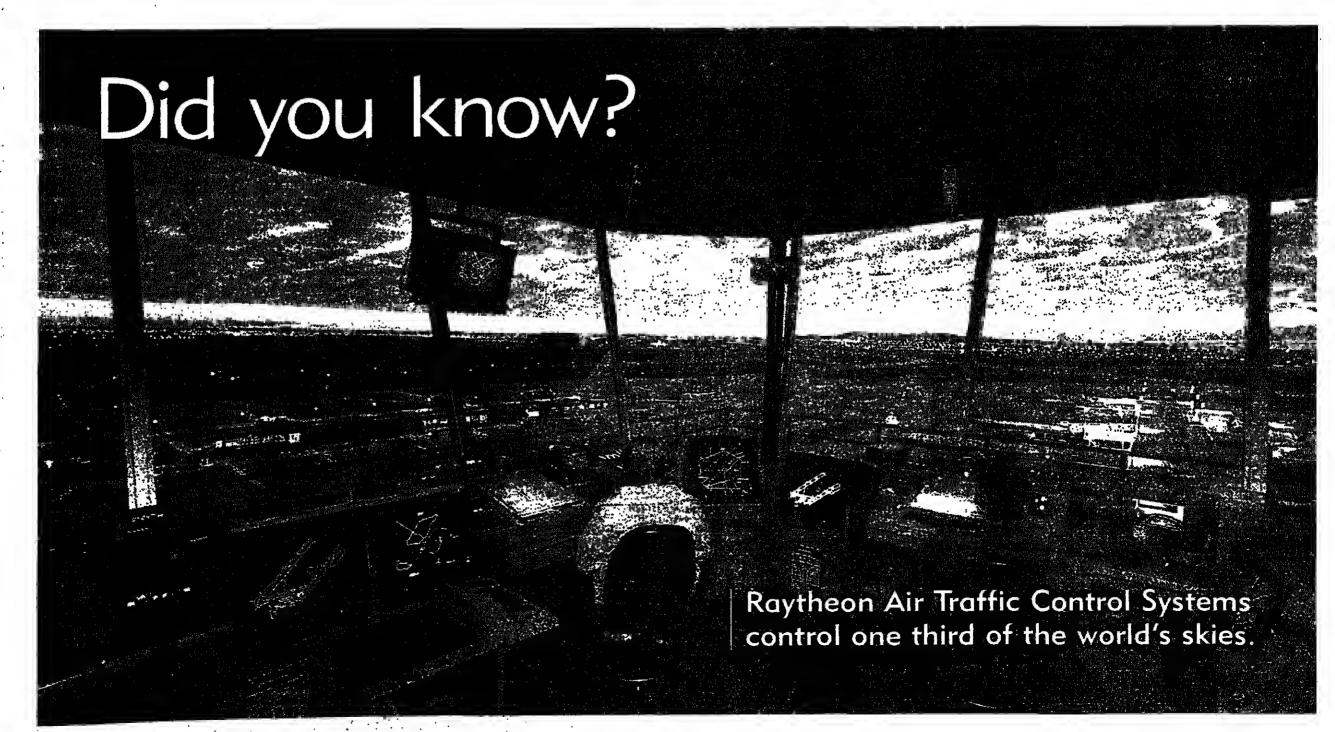
On the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, there were changes as well. In 1991, African American groups received I percent of the grants to help implement programs in South Africa; in 1994, this figure had risen to 16 percent.

Paul Neifert, a white employee of the agency who was trans-ferred out of the mission against his will last year after a series of personnel and policy clashes with black supervisors, complaints from black South has charged that this shift was

> His allegations have triggered at least four investigations and audits, some of which are still underway. So far, no criminal wrongdoing has been

Amhassador Lyman said he was offended by claims by Mr. Neifert and Mr. Johnson that the program here has become a pork harrel for African American groups.

"It is disturbing that this lev el of participation should lead to charges of reverse discrimination," he said. "My experience in 20 years with AID has been that we tend to be blind to potential black contractors un-



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EXPECT GREAT THINGS

#### **Tests for the WTO**

the new World Trade Organization, the Clinton administration has now botched the first big decision in starting it up. The White House wanted the former president of Mexico, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, to head the WTO and set its direction. But when troubles in Mexico began to erode Mr. Salinas's candidacy, the administration was seized by a paralysis similar to its prolonged indecision in many of its domestic appointments. Unable to think of an alternative, it has now grudgingly accepted the European candidate, Renato Ruggiero of Italy, whom American officials had denounced vehemently (and unfairly) as a protectionist. It is a poor beginning for the WTO.

This quarrel leaves Mr. Ruggiero with the burden of demonstrating that he did not get the European governments' support merely because they expect him to go easy on them. Much of Europe gives a strong impression of wanting a holiday from the world trade agenda. For one thing, it is divisive within Europe. For another, the Europeans are preoccupied with integrating the formerly Communist countries of the East into their markets. But a series of immediate tests awaits

Mr. Ruggiero. The Uruguay Round of

Having fought hard and well to create negotiations that established the WTO also rewrote the rule book for international trade, and important parts of that revision remain unfinished. It extends the rules for the first time to trade in services such as banking and insurance, but the work here is incomplete. So are the rules on telecommunications. The dispute over movies and television programs became sufficiently heated that it was set aside in the last stages of the Uruguay talks, to be settled later. They are major American exports, but the movement to restrict their access to Europe, on grounds of preserving cultural independence, is regaining momentum. These are all subjects on which the incoming director-general of the WTO is going to have to move deci-sively and skillfully, if they are not to turn into festering political grievances. Whether Mr. Ruggiero is popular in Washington is secondary. Whether he

can run the new organization in Geneva effectively, keeping it pointed toward the expansion of trading opportunities, is what matters. The world lives by trade, and raising standards of living will require more of it. A great deal depends on Mr. Ruggiero a ability to show Washington that its judgment of him was wrong.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

# Misrule in Nigeria

Nigeria, the most populous country in sub-Saharan Africa, has been ruled by soldiers for 25 of its 35 years as an independent country. Its military regimes have tended to be corrupt and authoritarian, its civilian regimes merely corrupt. But never before has it had a government as ruinous and oppressive as that of General Sani Abacha, the present military dictator. Since seizing power in November 1993 he has been systematically destroying Nigeria's institutions and persecuting its most prominent citizens for the sole purpose of perpetuating himself in power. Now General Abacha is himself the target of a campaign led by Trans-Africa, the African-American political organization that helped mobilize public opposition to white rule in South Africa and military dictatorship in Haiti.

Nigeria is a major source of oil imports to the United States, It has also become a key transshipment point for Asian heroin and Latin American cocaine. By some estimates as much as half the drugs reaching American shores pass through Nigeria. The Clinton administration does not allege direct involvement by the Nigerian government but faults General Abacha's corrupt military and police cronics for

letting big-time traffickers operate freely.
That complicity has led Washington to declare Nigeria ineligible for foreign aid.
In this and other ways, the United States has indicated its disapproval of the Abacha regime. But it has not been outspoken enough in promoting human rights

and democracy. General Abacha is known to be sensitive to Washington's opinions.

He took power after an election apparently won by Moshood K. O. Abiola was abruptly canceled. The general subsequently had Mr. Abiola arrested. He has also dissolved elected state governments, disbanded the federal cabinet, gagged the press and suppressed labor unions. His regime has unleashed a campaign of terror against the Ogoni people in Nigeria's oil country. Wole Soyinka, Nigeria's Nobel Prize-winning author and an opponent of the dictatorship, was forced to flee the country last November to avoid detention. This month, Olusegun Obasanjo, a former military president who became a convert to democracy, was jailed after criticizing the Abacha regime. After a plea from Jimmy Carter, he was released but remains restricted to his hometown.

TransAfrica wants Washington to organize an international boycott of Nigerian oil. That is too drastic a step against a country that poses no security threat to the United States. But there are other ways to creet constructive pressure, like making human rights a factor in any future rescheduling of Nigeria's debts, or discouraging business cooperation until conditions improve, Oil-rich Nigeria could be one of Africa's most prosperous countries. Chronic misgovernment is one of the main obstacles. Hastening the end of the disastrous Abacha dictatorship ought to be one of Washington's top priorities in Africa.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

# Selling an Unconsulted Future Hong Kong in America

HONG KONG — Lu Ping.
the top Chinese official
with responsibility for Hong Kong, is on a speaking tour of six cities in the United States that will end on Thursday. Mr. Lu is in America to market China's vision for Hong Kong and reassure the American business community about the territory's future. He has himself to blame for the difficulty of his task.

As the man running the Preliminary Working Committee, Mr. Lu more than anyone else is responsible for explaining the lack of confidence in Beijing's plans shown by the people of Hong Kong and how China's solemn promises of "a legislature constituted by elections" and "a high degree of autonomy" have been shattered.

The high-powered Preliminary Working Committee was set up by Beijing to advise on and man-age Hong Kong's handover to China in 1997. Mr. Lu is the first Chinese Communist Party leader to undertake such a lobbying mission in the United States.

Hong Kong people know that Beijing's hard-line plans for the territory mean the opposite of what Mr. Lu has gone to America to say. They know that the result will be a swift end to Hong Kong's freedoms, rule of law and

modestly democratic system. So while I appland Mr. Lu's willingness to speak in public about the future of Hong Kong, the people he really needs to be reassuring are in Hong Kong. They all too rarely get an oppor-tunity to question Chinese lead-ers about their future.

Despite Mr. Lu's PR exercise in America, the Chinese government continues to refuse to communicate with the people of Hong Kong and their democratically elected representatives. It has been almost a year since Mr. Lu set foot in Hong Kong. When he did, on his last visit

in May, it was by no means confidence-inspiring. He spent much of his trip dodging the press. He pointedly refused to meet the public or even to see Chris Patten, the British colonial governor.
Thus 1 hope that Americans

will not miss this rare opportunity to ask Mr. Lu questions that the people of Hong Kong would like answered by Beijing: · They want to know why Mr. Lu is touring the United

forms. In effect, the PWC is a shadow government for the runup to 1997. A score of recent public opinion polls indicate that Hong Kong people strongly disapprove of its performance. A elections in September. survey in January by the South China Morning Post found that 70 percent of those polled did not trust the PWC to act in Hong

By Martin Lee

Kong's interests. Revelations that nearly one-third of Hong Kong PWC members hold foreign passports en-abling them to leave should things go wrong after 1997 have further damaged the credibility of the Beijing-appointed group. No member of the PWC has

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punish Governor Patten for pro-

posing modest democratic re-

ever been democratically elected to public office. Its decisions, such as the proposal to abolish Hong Kong's Bill of Rights, gen-erally strike fear in the hearts of the people of the territory.

 Citizens would like to know how Hong Kong's stability is served by overturning its entire

political structure when China takes control in 1997. Beijing last year announced its intention to scrap the territory's Legislative Council and two other tiers of government in 1997. Hong Kong people will have their final chance to vote in democratic

If the most recent elections for municipal councils in March are any guide, they will continue to vote for members of my political party, which stands for democracy and freedom. Despite, or perhaps because of, Beijing's open threats that voters should support only "candidates who love China," pro-democracy candidates home known in Hong Kong's most re-

cent sets of elections.

Leaders of the PWC traveling with Mr. Ln have said they will replace Hong Kong's elected Legislative Council with a "provisional" legislature. It will rubber-stamp any laws that China needs to control Hong Kong.

A Beijing appointed legislature would violate even China's own constitution for Hong Kong, the Basic Law, which stipulates that all 60 members of the legislature must be elected.

 Hong Kong people want to know how the rule of law in the territory and the independent judictary can be preserved if judges are to be vetted by China and if the Court of Final Appeal, the local equivalent of the U.S. Supreme Court, is to be under Beiing's authority. The rule of law is Hong Kong's most prized possession. In China, the Communist Party is always above the law.

Hong Kong people would like to tell Mr. Lu and the China

nese government that actions speak louder than words. If Beijing really wants the world to have confidence in Hong Kong, the fastest way to achieve this goal is to stop threatening its rights, freedoms and way of life.

Hong Kong's future will be determined in the next 800 days. Within the Chinese Communist Party hierarchy there is still a glimmer of hope. Recently, Li Ruihuan, a senior leader, admitted errors in the hard-line policy

toward Hong Kong and ap-pealed to his fellow leaders to handle the territory with care.

In a speech to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Mr. Li made a state-ment that all Hong Kong people would agree with: "If you don't understand how a valuable item works, you will never be able to keep it intact for a long time."

That, of course, is Hong Kong's biggest fear for the future and the very message that the people of the territory want Mr. Lu to take away from his visit to America.

I hope that Americans will make a point of explaining to Mr. Lu's delegation what Hong Kong people already know: that there is only one real way to reassure America and the world of a peaceful transition and a stable future for Hong Kong — democracy.

The writer, a barrister, is chair-man of the Democratic Party of Hong Kong and an elected mem-ber of the Legislative Council. He contributed this comment to the

# Someday China's Rulers Will Choke on Their Lies

T UCSON, Arizona — At a recent news conference, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman solemnly called Wei Jingsheng a criminal. This is a big lie, but not a new one. Mr. Wei, a former technician at the Beij-

ing Zoo, was arrested on March 31, 1979, and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment. Since then, queries about his fate have elicited the big be over and over. The characle lives on. Yet, the Chinese government has never offered any clear evidence to link Mr. Wei to a crime of any sort.

If Mr. Wei is guilty of anything, it is of advocating democracy and individual freedom. He and his colleagues initiated the socalled Beijing Spring in the late 1970s, and their calls for democracy and human rights coalesced into what became known as the

Democracy Wall movement.

In a wall poster that became known around the world, Mr. Wei bravely wrote that the government's "Four Modernizations" -industry, science, defense and agriculture - would not succeed without a fifth: democratization. For without democracy, Mr. Wei declared, Deng Xiaoping would be an autocratic ruler like Mao Zedong.

The 1989 massacre in Beijing, carried out by soldiers under Mr. Deng's orders, showed Mr. Wei to be correct.

Released briefly after serving nearly all his 15-year sentence, Wei Jingsheng had not States with the leaders of the unrepresentative and unpopular weakened in his firm commitment to princi-Preliminary Working CommitBy Fang Lizhi

ples. "No country or society can dispense with legal protections," he wrote last March, "if it is to upgrade its economy."

"As the standard of the authority and the justice in the legal system of all countries is improved," he added, "the rights of the people will be better guaranteed and their economic capabilities will be enhanced."

Chinese authorities obviously see Mr. Wei and his ideas of political reform as a threat. He was detained again on April 1, 1994, and has not been heard from since. Officials in the ministries of justice and foreign affairs have flatly refused to provide information on the terms or location of his detention.

Deng Xiaoping and his autocratic com-rades are practicing the principle put forth by the Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goeb-bels; A lie will be believed if it is repeated more than 1,000 times. So much for the theory that economic

development will lead the Chinese Communist government to improve its human rights record. A regime that combines economic development with blatant disregard for human rights is on the road to fascism.

Fortunately, Nazi-style propaganda has not worked. The world has not forgotten the men and women who have paid with their

liberty and even their lives for the cause of freedom in China.

Wei Jingsheng has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by individuals and groups around the world — the first time a Chinese human rights fighter has gained such widespread support. The world has thus acknowledged the historical contribution that Mr. Wei and his colleagues have striven to make toward a peaceful Chinese.

transition in the coming decades.

Recently, Mr. Wei's former colleagues from the Beijing Spring, including the Tiananmen student leader Wang Dan, resumed their public activities. They submitted peti-tions to the National People's Congress of China, during its recent annual meeting in Beijing, calling for the release of political prisoners and for political reform in China.

Even some businessmen and semor gov-ernment members have openly called for a system built on ultimate respect for law. Clearly, there is a trend toward democracy, freedom and human rights in China that will not easily be reversed. The big lie is becoming a trap for the autocrats themselves. I am sure it will snare them someday soon.

The writer, a professor of physics at the University of Arizona, was a leader of the prodemocracy movement in China before fleeing in 1989. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

# A Right to Criticize

The general rule is that political views are always protected by the First Amendment. So are statements of opinion on other matters of public concern that do not contain provably false facts. Thus "Senator Bilbo is a reactionary who ought to be defeated" is protected speech. And so is "Regulatory reform is a bad idea." But "Candidate Smith would be a terrible representative because of his record as a sex offender and drunk driver" is more than an opinion because it contains facts that can be proved false. Such a statement can be libelous.

In a libel case which the U.S. Supreme Court has now refused to review, the allegedly defamatory statements were made during a consumer affairs segment of a television news show where hard news and opinion are not easily separable. A company in Denver sold, for \$29.95, a kit containing forms for drafting and implementing a living will. The packet contained some other material of questionable value, but a doctor described as a medical ethicist, interviewed on the show, pointed out that most of this material was available free at a variety of locations around the city. He described

the company's efforts as "a scam" and said of those who bought the product that they've been taken."

The Colorado Supreme Court ruled that the doctor's views were a matter of public interest to consumers and that the phrases used were not statements of fact that could be proved false but opinion protected by the First Amendment. The Supreme Court's refusal to disturb this finding creates no new precedent for America's courts, but it is a welcome sign of the direction of the justices' thinking in the area of libel.

As a newspaper, The Washington Post has an interest in protecting the publication of speech and opinion. But we are not just being high-flown when we say that this is an interest that also reflects the public's interest. If every author were able to sue a newspaper about a bad review of his book, there would be an end to literary and artistic criticism. If coaches cannot be criticized by sports columnists, fans will be the losers. And if a television station cannot expose a consumer scam by gathering the opinions of experts, the pub-lic will be doubly cheated.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### When Productivity Gains Benefit the Business but Not the Worker captured in the productivity data.

By Stephen S. Roach

NEW YORK - A power struggle could well be emerging in the American labor market. At stake are the fruits of Ameriworkers get the rewards of their productivity contribution, or will the efficiency gains go into the coffers of corporate America?

The recent outbreak of strike activity at General Motors suggests that the battle lines are being drawn. The United Auto Workers union is taking a stand against mandatory overtime, but beyond that there is growing dissatisfaction with the various methods that companies are usng to increase productivity.

With pay and benefits easily the largest chunk of their total operating expenses, corporations aim efficiency strategies squarely at the worker. According to the Challenger Employment Survey, layoffs affecting more than I.1 average workweek has hit a post-million workers were announced in 1993 and 1994, easily the high-meaningful reversal of a continuest two-year total on record. Many of these work force re-

ductions reflect an overdue pruning of bloated corporate bureaucracies, but there is a growing concern that this sort of cost cutting can go too far.

A new burden is falling on the survivors — the people who remain employed on those lean and mean assembly lines of restructured corporations. It takes the form of a dramatic lengthening of time spent on the job.

Hard-pressed companies have elected to work the survivors longer rather than incur the steady stream of fixed costs associated with taking on new employees. For factory workers, the ing reduction in work schedules that dates from 1850. The same is undoubtedly the case for many white-collar workers.

Longer workdays often go hand in hand with productivity breakthroughs. That is especially true on the factory floor, where efficiencies are being boosted by the combination of new technologies, new processes and improved education and training techniques. It is a situation that encourages companies to squeeze all they can out of the labor force.

.With white-collar workers, many of the efficiency solutions have been concentrated at the low and of the business. For example, consolidating back-office opera-

tions has been a quick productivity fix for organizations, such as banks, that handle a great many individual transactions.

sales workers, equipped with in-creasingly powerful point-of-sale computing devices that expand their scope and contribution in such businesses as department stores, autines, securities firms and fast food restaurants.

And there is growing evidence of middle-management efficien-cies permitted by systems that keep better track of time spent on transactions and by increasingly powerful global telecommunication networks.

But at the high end of the busi-ness, white-collar tasks are almost always labor-intensive, intellectually driven endeavors - tasks that require a creative spark and a good deal of knowledge to solve

problems and spur productivity.
Notwithstanding the modern-day miracles of information technology, the capacity of the human mind sets real limits as to what can be accomplished in this regard. Laptops, cellular phones, wireless moderns and home fax machines may change the work environment for many a professional, but they do not alter the thought processes that ultimately

lead to breakthroughs. What these tools have done is to create an extended working day providing a new portability to the assembly line of the 1990s that "allows" white-collar workers to remain on-line in trains, planes and cars and at home. (So much for the liberating technologies of the Information Age.)
This phenomenon has not been

For the salaried professional paid on an annual basis, these added work efforts are not reflected as amount of time spent on the job. The ugly little secret of America's productivity-led recovery may be that an overstretched workforce is delivering more only because it is working more.

For the corporation, hard work translates into a real efficiency (and profitability) bonns. For the worker, however, extended work schedules mean that the supposed fruits of increased productivity, such as leisure and family time, never materialize.

Growing threats to personal productivity leave workers feeling angry and increasingly disenfranchised. The resulting outcries of voter discontent may have been decisive in toppling a sitting Re-publican president in 1992 and in unscating a long-entrenched Dem-

ocratic majority in 1994.

The battle over the spoils of America's productivity-led recovcry could have a profound impact on the financial markets. As workers clamor for their share of the pie, the long-dormant wage cycle may finally begin to stir, leading to a buildup of cost pressures that could prove ominous for inflation, interest rates and

corporate profitability.

I suspect that you will be hearing a lot more about the productivity clash in years to come.

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#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1895: Ruler of the Waves NICE - Hail Britannia! The

Prince of Wales's yacht to-day [March 27] won on her own merits, in her own weather, admirably steered by Captain Carter, who never showed his high-class seamanship to better effect than he did in this day's race, defeating the Ailsa. Let it be said right off that the Britannia simply smothered the Ailsa. As for the Ailsa. let the summing up be that in the stiff breeze blowing it was found impossible to "sail" her.

#### 1920: Clean Kissing

NEW YORK - Kissing from the medical point of view, was discussed at the convention of the New York State Medical Society today [March 27]. After listening to a paper read by Dr. Lawson: Brown, the convention endorsed the following advice to lovers: "H

you would be sanitary, kiss only in the evening or the afternoon. Disease germs bark in morning kisses because the sun and fresh air have not had a chance to sterilise even sweetened hips."

ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY

#### 1945: Into the Reich SUPREME HEADQUARTERS

FORCE - Six Allied armies, exploiting wide holes in the German's broken line of the Rhine, pressed on today [March 27] deep into the Reich, many of their col-tums rolling along the roads at will, with the beaten enemy powcriess to halt their progress. A battle was raging in the streets of Frankfurt, minth largest city in Germany with a population of over 500,000. Front despatches said Lieutenant General George S. Patton's 3d Army had crossed the Main from the southern outskirts and fought their way into the city.

#### Other Comment

For Lack of Good Government

A deal with the IMF, which looked more likely after a deregulatory budget in January, now seems farther away again. An agreement with the Paris club to reschedule debts is fast receding to 1997 or beyond. Is Nigeria incorrigible? No, it is no more predestined in the 1990s to fail than it was in the 1950s to succeed. Its fate has long since passed out of the hands of its colonizers. Responsibilty for success or

failure lies squarely with Nigerians. Other big countries in Africa, notably Zaire, may turn out worse. But South Africa is already turning out vastly better, by showing a seriousness of purpose that continues to elude Nigeria's generals. As long as rulers are corrupt, brutal, undemocratic and economically obtuse. Nigerians will suffer and their country will lose influence. If there is a giant of Africa, it is not Nigeria but Nelson Mandela's South Africa.

- The Economist (London).



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How a Garrison State Brutalizes Itself

TERUSALEM - Joel Green-J berg is an Israeli journalist who works as a reporter in the Jerusalem burean of The New York Times. The other day he was at Israel's military beadquarters in Hebron, in the occu-pied West Bank. He encountered something that stayed in his mind. In his words:

"Eight Palestinian detainees were being held in a temporary holding room just inside the gate of the military compound. The room was about four yards by four, and it had a large window with iron bars. We talked to the prisoners through the bars, and we could smell a powerful stench coming out of the room.

"They said they had been arrested the previous day, some because they lived in the area where terrorists shot at a bus and killed two passengers, some for trying to enter Israel with faked permits. One was a Palestinian TV cameraman arrested at the scene of the bus attack. (While I was there, he was released when

his bureau chief complained.) "They told us they had been there overnight, without food or permission to go to the bathroom, and they had to relieve themselves in a corner of the cell. A soldier guarding the room confirmed that they had not been allowed out. As we spoke, cottage cheese, bread and oranges

terrorism is a reality? The anwere brought to the prisoners. "Life went on as usual at the compound. Officers went by without taking any interest in the conditions under their noses. It was just one of those familiar banalities of occupation, too or-

By Anthony Lewis

dinary to make a story, but it was so degrading ..."
In a conflict so brutal that one

side treats the other like animals - indeed, worse than it would treat animals - which suffers the worst damage? The physical suffering is worse for the victims. The psychological damage, the hardening of the soul, may be worse for those who inflict suffering and cease to care.

Of course there are reasons for Israelis to fear Palestinians. Terrorists shot at civilians on a bus, and blew up soldiers at a bus stop. But the eight men in that stinking cell were not convicted terrorists; they had not been charged with anything And treating them that way served the cause of terrorism. It could only create more haired, attract more recruits to the cause of violence.

That scene makes powerfully clear how essential it is for Israel to end its occupation of the West Bank and let the Palestinians have a life of their own -essential to Israel's interest. Every day of occupation, every such incident, eats away at the country's sense of justice and humanity.

But how can the plan for

peace under the Oslo agreement

go forward when the threat of

swer is that peace is the most effective enemy of terrorism. If and when Palestinians have a place of their own in the West Bank, when they have elections and a genuine political process,

their own interest will militate against terrorism.

The opponents of peace in Israel include settler spokesmen who say openly that they want to make life intolerable for Palestinians in the West Bank. The only way to rescue Israel from that world of hatred is to press on boldly with the peace plan, not letting it become hostage to extremists on either side.

Peace with Syria, the symbol of rejectionism, would do much to delegitimize terror and end the cycle of brutalization. But is it possible? Israeli experts increasingly doubt that Halez Assad is really interested. And in polls most Israelis say they would not want to pay the inescapable price, return of the Golan Heights to Syria. But if Mr. Assad were ready

for a deal - genuine peace and

security in return for the Golan

— the reality might change minds. So Deputy Foreign Min-ister Yossi Bealin believes. "It's like asking if you would marry a gentile," he said. "To the theoretical question you say "no." Then you meet this girl, you fall in love ... If Assad and Rabin meet on the White

House lawn, people will be hap-

py. It's the end of war!" But the Palestinians are the intimate neighbors. Israelis must live with them peacefully or live in a garrison state. Tsali Reshef of Peace Now said: "Some day we will come to the necessary agreement. The only question is how many rounds of bloodshed

we'll go through first." The New York Times.

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#### OPINION/LETTERS

# Advice From the Guru **To Republican Comers**

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Like February, the term-limits can-lucy in the comie strip didate may find supporters res-Peanuts, who dispenses wis-dom to all comers under the sign "Psychiatrie Help — 5¢," I offer herewith invaluable political-gurn service to the seven Republican presidential candidates for the price of a single newspaper.

To Phil Gramm: With Pat Buchanan slicing into your hard-right support, you cannot make it by reminding us of your triumph last year over Hillaryhealth, by out grinching Ging-rich, or by singing "Younger Than Doletime." A fresh, substantive appeal is needed.

You're an economist. Clintonites, joined by some nervous Republicans, are now saying "no spending cuts to finance tax cuts." This kicks Lord Keynes in the head.

You could explain how major spending reduction, unless accompanied by substantial tax reduction, would dangerously reduce aggregate demand - perhaps plunging the nation into recession. By becoming the only anti-recession candidate, you can say you told them so when the downturn comes this winter.

To Pat Buchanan and Arlen Specter: How to break out of your single-digit, second-tier status? Upstage the field by staging a series of formal, town-hall, C-Spanned Specter-Buchanan debates.

Just the two of you -- diametrically opposed on abortion rights and civil liberty and free trade - could put ou sustained performances that would energize your disparate constituencies, capture media attention, hype your fund-raising and raise the intellectual content of the campaign to a Bryan-Darrow level. And by grimly maintaining civility and mutual respect, you could detoxify the natural party split.
To Lamar Alexander: Ignore

all elitist pundit advice to abandon your flannel shirts and outsider shtick. Nobody else in the grants by opposing plans to re-field is working the cybercorn-strict their welfare. Don't panfield is working the cybercornball side of the street and it could turn out to be effective in Iowa and New Hampshire. Your initial anti-Congress

theme - "Cut their pay and send them home" - may be boring to the cognoscenti but. What's the rush to decide 15 could be appealing to voters months before the convention? when their hopes for term limits Send in a few bucks to the two are dashed. As we will see, the or three candidates you like problem of congressional paral-ysis was not solved in 1994; by The New York Times.

I N Switzerland in early 1933, the Nobel Prize-winning 62-year-old Thomas Mann trem-

bled anxiously at the thought

that back in Munich the Nazis

were ransacking his house and

By Robert Byrne

GATA KAMSKY as White was pitted against Valeri

Salov in a qualification match

for the world championship. In

this opening, one of the main lines of the Queen's Gambit Ac-

cepted, it is usual for Black to

regroup with 6...Ne77 Bc4 Ng6. Salov's 6...Na5?!, putting his knight on the edge of the board,

was maybe meant to be provoc-

12 Nb5 O-O 13 Nd6 Qd6 14 Qa5 Ne4 would certainly not have been dangerous for Black.

On 16 Qe3, it would have

been wrong for Black to play 16...Bc3? because 17 Qc3 Qc4 18 Bc7 Qg4 19 Bd8 Rd8 20 Qa5 yields White a rook for a bish-

After 21 Ne2!, Salov could not play 21...Qe5 because of 22

Qa3, trapping the black night.

THOMAS MANN:

A Biography

didate may find supporters resonating with resentment.

To Richard Lugar: To run as

the Thinking Person's Candidate would have won press plandits but no primary votes, but your strategy of doublehawkishness is intriguing. Your hard line on Saddam

Hussein -- send back those two American hostages or face real consequences - dovetails with being a deficit hawk on seemingly untouchable farm subsidies. Nobody else has the foreign-policy hand and Hoosier eye to frame this symmetry, and there may be more interventionist budget-squeezers than pollsters suspect.
To Bob Dole: Drop the de-

fensive deal-making about your age, and promise to serve two full terms without one afternoon nap. You're the legislative doer, so do: Get the balanced budget amendment this fall hy winning Mark Hatfield's abstention, and send Bill Clinton a welfare reform bill he'll hate to have to sign. Work secretly with Bob Packwood to match spending cuts with a surprise tax package featuring flatter rates on both income and capital gains, with caps on future mortgage deductions. And stop running rightward against Phil Gramm when your main com-petition is Pete Wilson.

To Pete Wilson: Remember how Dwight Eisenhower wrested the Republican nomination from Robert Taft - appeal to the Republican lust to win.

Forget the sniping about run-ning so soon after winning re-election as governor of California; it's a reminder that you won. Welcome the onslaught about being pro-choice and never waffle; praise pro-life Gramm for candidly telling the preachers he won't become a preacher. Predict Bob Dole's front-runnerhood for months ahead. Even as you harass illegal immigrants to encourage their departure, show that you're for legal immider to single-issne voters. Because everybody knows the White House fears you most, your primary theme should be "go with a winner."
To my fellow right-wingers:

The New York Times.

stands my anxietics' [Mann

said]... One evening, at a hotel in Basel, he burst into tears."

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of his anxiety Katia actually un-

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think it helpful to know.

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Reviewed by Fred Kaplan

T N Switzerland in early 1933,

reading his private papers, including his diaries. "During the day he and [his wife] Katia spent a lot of time holding hands. She more or less under-

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The Market Fails Them A Turkish Precedent

Reginald Dale's article "The

Third World Is Shrinking

Fast" (Business/Finance,

March 21) describes those who

attended the Copenhagen sum-

mit on social development as

'hlissfully unaware' of

the world economy. But it is

precisely because there is a

growing understanding and

concern among governments and civil society that the world

market economy is not work-

ing as well as it should for

millions of people that we gathered in Copenhagen.

Mr. Dale may be correct in

saying that some countries

have made dramatic progress

as a result of free markets, hut

they are the exception, not the

rule. Progress for some has

meant exclusion and destinu-

tion for an increasing number

of people in the Third World,

as well as in the First, as noted

by the United Nations Devel-

opment Program's Human De-

penhagen by government lead-ers and senior national figures from all over the world ac-

knowledges that the market

alone cannot suffice. It en-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Regarding "Turkey Unleashes

President Bill Clinton's re-

action to the "massive raid," as

your headline describes it, on

Kurdish bases in Iraq, was

He is said to have expressed

to Prime Minister Tansu Ciller

his "understanding for Tur-

key's need to deal decisively'

with the situation, while asking

that "the action be as limited

that Turkey would not "put any time limit to the raid."

course, of Turkey's 1974 inva-

sion, and continuing occupa

tion, of Cyprus. One Turkish

spokeswoman even invokes it, saying with apparent pride that the invasion of Iraq is Turkey's largest even, including the Cy-

It is comforting, at least to

this retired ambassador of

Greece, that the European

Union and the United Nations

have expressed their concern

T. L. CHRYSANTHOPOULOS.

Regarding the report "U.K. Seeks Pledge by Sinn Fein Over

It is a mystery to me why the

British government should be

so upset about the warm wel-

come that President Bill Clin-

ton gave to Gerry Adams, the

Villeneuve-Loubet, France.

Clinton and Adams

Arms" (March 21):

ALAN DOSS.

president of Sinn Fein, the political arm of the IRA. Of
course no politician will pass

over Turkey's action.

But there is the precedent, of

Mrs. Ciller, however, has said

a Massive Raid on Kurdish

Bases in Iraq" (March 21):

rather imexpected.

as possible."

prus operation.

#### PARIS — A short ferry-boat ride off the Senegalese coast, just south of Cape Verde Peninsula, is the tiny island of

Goree. There are no cars and only 1,000 people, many of them artisans or fishermen. The island, graced by palms and

#### MEANWHILE

flowering cacti, is a sunny oasis, almost a corner of paradise. Yet, behind Goree's beauty, an insidious unease infiltrates everything, more penetratingly than the sun's merciless rays. It is the malaise of a history

stained with blood. From the early 16th century until the 19th century, Goree was the African tip of the slave-

up a chance to please Irish-

American government's em-brace of Mr. Adams places

pressure on him to do all he

can to influence the Irish

Republican Army toward

peace in Northern Ireland.

the hidden message in Mr.

Clinton's action, "so try not to

disappoint all those involved."

RICK BENGE.

Vienna.

We give our full support," is

But more than that, the

American voters.

By Christine Joseph

Just Off Africa, in Sunshine and Shadow

trade triangle. Portuguese, French, British and Dutch merchants came to the island, which has one of West Africa's best natural ports, to barter for slaves. The slaves, mostly from coastal areas, were shipped to the New World. There they were exchanged for cotton, to hacco, indigo or other local goods, which were then brought back to Europe.

Over the centuries, 20 million Africans are said to have passed through the island. Uprooted, maltreated, often tortured, many died before reaching their intended destination.

South of the Gorée port is a squat huilding known as the House of Slaves. Built in the late 18th century hy Dutch slave-traders, it is a haunting monument, a place of dark and heavy symbolism.

A tour guide, speaking in a matter-of-fact tone, describes the atrocities that took place there: Families were separated, people were thrown into overcrowded euhieles to be kept sometimes for months hefore heing shipped out; bumans were chained to the walls or to each other, and let out only once a day to relieve themselves; people were fed just enough to make the weight required for sale (the equivalent of 60 kilograms, or 130 pounds).

Those who resisted were brutally punished, caged in dark-ness like animals or thrown into shark-ridden waters. Many others who died of mistreatment were pitched into the dark waters as well, the balls and chains on their legs carrying them to

the bottom. Sometimes bodies

In bushed horror, European, African and American visitors lingering evidence: the pits of darkness, where the only light hallway ending in the sea where remembered. the slaves were herded onto ships, never to see Africa again; and the waves lieking the rocks

omnipresent tourists. Women ferry — Dakar, the capital, is a of their own.

20-minute trip away — is the They plead, all of them, for 20-minute trip away - is the sun-baked calm.

private owners and foundalined with renovated rose, othre always to remember. and terra-cotta French colonial haildings. The fort on the

southern tip of the island houses artisans, who paint and sculpt in refurbished ateliers.

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Fragrant hibiscus hrims over cement fences, and crumblin walls have been replastered, all the way down to the House of Slaves on the edge of the sea.

The sheer beauty of Goree is what makes it all so unsettling. Just as flowers in the fields of would wash back ashore to rot. Auschwitz cannot mask the awful fact of death, all the renovations in the world cannot veil crane their necks to peer at the Gorée's past. If anything, they hring its cruelty into sharper focus. So be it. The horror, set comes through the guards gun so wrongly in this beautiful slits; the Point of No Return, a corner of the world, needs to be

The millions who passed through here remain nameless. Their composite history can be that so many Americans' ances-tors tread upon. compiled, their numbers ap-proximated, but only from othtors tread upon.
Today, life in Gorée goes on.
Vendors zealously pursue the their presence haunts Gorée.
The last room of the House

The last room of the House hang laundry out to dry ns of Slaves is covered with visitheir children boisterously tors' handwritten comments: play soccer in the square, sur- from presidents and football rounded hy bleating goats and stars, or ordinary people des-sheep. The distant horn of the perately seeking a history

only other sound breaking the compassion and recollection. un-baked calm.

Their pleas echo against the replastered walls. For Goree, beautiful, horrifying Goree, is tions. Its sandy streets are now a call never to replicate, a cry

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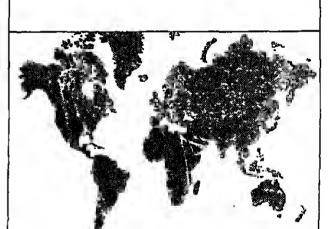
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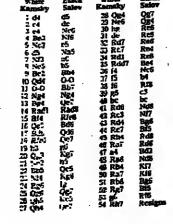
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#### SALOV/BLACK

Position after \$2...Bf5

With 7...a6, Salov gave up a center pawn to 8 Ne5 to preserve a wing pawn with 8...b5, a strange decision. 7...Bd6 & Qa4 c6 9 b4 cb 10 ah b5!? 11 Bb5 cb Also, 21...Qe4 22 Qc3 Qc5 23 Qa5 wins a piece for White.
Realizing that quiet play in such a poor position would be fatal. Salov sought complications with 21...h5?! After 22 Bh5, Salov could not capture with 22...Qe4 because 23 Qc3 Qc5 24 Nd4! Qf6 (24...Qh5? leads to 25 Nf5 Kf8 26 Qg7 mate) 25 Re8 Re8 26 Bf3 b4 27 Qb4 Qb6 28 Qc3 Kg8 29 b4! cb Qb4 Qb6 28 Qc3 Kg8 29 b4! cb 30 ab Bc8 31 Rc1 puts Kamsky a pawn ahead with great posi-

tional advantage.
On 22...Qe5 23 Nf4!, Salov could not capture with 23...Qb2 because 24 Bg6! fg 25 Qg6 Kh8 (or 25...Kf8 26 Ne6 Ke7 27 Qh7 Kd6 28 Qc7 mate) 26 c5! threatens the lethal 27 Nh5 or 27 Re3.

But 23...Kg8 did not deter Kamsky from 24 Bg6! fg 25 Og6 Og7 26 Oh5 Re5 27 Oh4 Oc7 28 Og4. If 28...Rg5, then 29 Oc6! Kf8 30 Oh6 Kg8 31 Ne6 Rg7 32 Og7 Og7 33 Ng7 Kg7 34 f4 wins routinely.

4 wins routinely.

There was nothing better ported Kaiser Wilhelm's vision than 30. Rec, but the ending of a pan-Garman world autoc-

Kamsky's 53! g6 ended the struggle. After 53...Rf6 54 Rh7, man culture as Goethe and Beeit was useless to go on with 54 Rd6 55 Rf7 Ke8 56 Rf5. Salov gave up.

WHAT THEY'RE READING

· Alexandre Lamfalussy, president of the European Monetary Institute, is reading "Histoire de l'Allemagne" (History of Germany) by the French author Joseph Rovan, between

Dick Francis thrillers. "He has produced a masterful piece about the history of Germany. It's very thick, but

(Brandon Mitchener, 1HT)



A fervent nationalist, be tem-

references to) and Mann's polit- Krull") had risen out of the volical development from a conser-canic fissures that separated his vative pre-Nazi German na-identification of himself as, on tionalist to a fervently anti-the one side, the complicit Nazi liberal. chronicler of bourgeois conser-

Mann's homocroticism vatism (after all, he was a best-

seems to have been more of a selling and well-to-do author) burden than a blessing to the and, on the other, his counterseverely repressed novelist. cultural view of the alienated Fortunately, he transmuted his artist. It was a fertile division unresolved conflicts about sex- and a profitable one for him. ual activity into successful fiction ("Death in Venice" is, of porized in the face of the Nazi course, the locus classicus); hut rise to power. He resisted op-he apparently never allowed posing the Nazis as long as be himself to read about or to could, which was a long time; think seriously about the sub- his patriotism, his conservative ject. Hayman, understandably, blindness in the face of radical has difficulty in securing some change, his reluctance to leave focus or a sustained pattern of narration and analysis in regard to Mann's sexuality. Even ness, his alienation from and his Mann's interest in Freud did rivalry with his liberal, pronot become an occasion for democratic brother Heinrich, self-conscious consideration of and his essentially Victorian sexual identity. It is not surprising that when Gore Vidal, in
1948, sent Mann a copy of "The
City and the Pillar," Mann responded with pobte vacuousness. For Mann, the closet was
dark and deep, and who is to
say that he didn't do well to
write some of his best fiction in
German sentile expansiste. On. write some of his best fiction in German gentile expatriate. On its recesses and to be, in the this part of Mann's story, Hay-

daylight, a conservative German gentleman? Hayman helps with this part of the story, but he implies that he will deliver more than he does, and this aspect of Mann disappears into the grayness and narrative blur of Hayman's presentation.

Europe (and what Europeans Europe (and what Europeans The biography is weakest in its called the world) went to war handling of narrative perspective; frequently there seems to twice in Mann's adult lifetime. Almost 40 when Imperial Gerbe no reason why a particular many began its destruction of sequence of events follows anthe Austro-Hungarian Empire other or why certain events have been narrated in some de-

tail (or at all) rather than others. racy, especially if the emphasis Fred Kaplan, the author of biographies of Carlyle, Dickens and James and distinguished thoven. Mann's art before 1914 professor at the City University ("Buddenhrooks," "Tonio of New York, wrote this for The Kroger," the first part of "Felix Washington Post.

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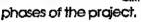
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meet the client's needs now and in the future. Their approach Is hands-on, whether it is in the strategic planning, systems planning, systems design and Installation, ar systems maintenance and facility management



"T" his is what NTT DATA means when it uses the term "humanware." The campany wants to ensure that the vital human link with machines is not fargatten in the design af its immensely complex information systems. The company sums up its corporate philosophy as "innovation with a human touch."

This also means that these systems con I make a difference in people's lives. Shirau Fulita, the company's president and chief executive officer, puts it this way: "We at NTT DATA use the term 'humanware' ta describe the attention we devote ta designing systems that facilitate the interface of human beings and ma-

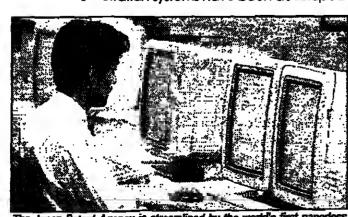
chines, or to making the system more userfriendly. We believe that systems that embody a sensitivity ta the people who must operate them not only work better and are more cost-effective in the long run. but also enhance the quality of life."

TT DATA applies these principles in more reliable at the Tokyo International Financial Futures its three key business areas: public administration systems, financial systems and industrial systems.

#### **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SYSTEMS**

NT DATA's integration skills are becoming increasingly important in the area of public-service administration systems as changes in information management make existing systems obsolete. Public authorities, like the private sector, are downsizing and moving away from centralized data processing toward personal computer networks and workstations.

A number of camplex public adminis-tratian systems have been developed





by NTT DATA. The Postal Saving Service On-line System, Japan's largest an-line system, links 24,000 post offices and business centers in Japan to a central administration that processes savings accounts and money transfers.

ne of NTT DATA's paperless systems is the Japan Patent Agency Paperless System, which processes patent applicatians from the time of filing through inspection and rejection ar acceptance and registration. This is the world's first electronic patent application system based on a large-scale multivendor computer config-

ealth care is another sector with a growing need for the type of sophisticated systems NTT DATA produces. In Japan, as in other developed nations, the population is aging and ways must be found to reduce the costs of health care. This can be done through preventive health care as well as by such methods as using paperless medical records and expert systems, NTT DATA's Emergency Medical information System, for example, provides instant details on the availability of hospital beds, bladd and plasma.

Ti DATA plans to expand into new areas with its public-administration systems. New products will help revolutionize gavernment information management and facilitate the exchange of information between government and the private sector.

#### FINANCIAL SYSTEMS

A powerful information system makes trading faster and

n the area of financial systems, NTT DATA can claim to be responsible for the Infrastructural underpinning of Japan's financial sectar. Its Zenain System is an on-line fund transfer network that connects 4,500 Japanese banks, credit unions and other

financial institutions. It makes speedy electronic fund transfers, remittances and check collections, and forms the core of the payment system in Japan.

he company also created the Automatic Answer Network Sys-

tem for Electrical Request (ANSER). through which customers can communicate with their banks to check their account balances or transfer funds by telephone, fax or personal computer. The NTT DATA Cash Dispensing (CD) System is an on-line system linking some 80,000 automatic teller machines all over Japan. One card can be used at many different

TT DATA is also involved in the Tokyo V International Futures Exchange through its trading system, which links exchange members to a central host com-

#### INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS

NT DATA's industrial systems serve a broad crass section of Industry. spanning manufacturing, retall, canstruction and ather service sectors. Systems and services can be braadly divided into three functional areas: Information systems for Individual carparations, multiclient network systems and packaged services.

s carparations restructure to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing marketplace, upgrading and expanding information systems

becomes cruciai. NTT DATA creates system enviranments far individual corporations that Imprave market-Ing, production, administration, account management and other activ-Ities vitai to business success.

One of NTT DATA's packaged software services is the smart-card system. Smart cards are just that: they have a larger memory capacity and can be reprogrammed more easily than magnetic cards, and they are also more secure. NTT DATA's smart card systems are in wide use for employee identification systems and the security and administration of intelligent buildings. Another smart card system, the Car Life Card System, keeps detailed information on a car and its drivers. including repair and maintenance sched-

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS RECOGNIZED

TT DATA's efforts have already been recognized internationally, in November 1993, NTI DATA became the first recipient in the Information services industry of the Deming Prize, a prestigious award given to the company with the best record in research and quality control.

N TT DATA's selection by computer industry leader Microsoft Carp. to Join companies in the United States and Europe in developing interactive television services is another example of the high esteem in which the company is held abroad. This project involves assisting in systems integration for the combining of Microsoff's broadband-network software with cable TV transmission components and set-top boxes. The system will be tested this year, and when finished will provide viewers with on-demand programming and data.

#### LOCAL TO INTERNATIONAL

Lush with its successes in Japan, MT DATA is expanding onto the International scene, delivering products that are conceived and designed with the same concern for quality assurance and social responsibility that has won it the confidence and respect of its customers.

TI DATA is now creating a postal sav-Ings network in Beijing that will link window terminals and automated teller machines at post offices around the city. This contract was awarded by China's Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications based an the success of NTT DATA's Postal Saving Service On-line System and its fund transfer networks in Japan.

TT DATA has a branch office in Hong N Kong and a representative office in Beijing to help it keep in touch with the important Asian market. In the United States, NTT DATA's branch office has support systems that facilitate currency and fund

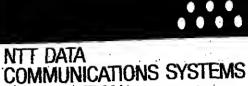
dealing for major financial institutions. Another branch office, in Britain, operates database services and, along with the Brussels Engineering Center, conducts market research on new business opportunities.

NTT DATA is also warking with the State Economic Infor-NTT DATA headquarters. mation System in China and the central banking system in Thailand.

#### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

TT DATA's remarkable record of I V achievement rests an a solid base – its research and development department. The company continues to develop new technologies to meet the pressing needs of taday's society and to keep up with the lightning-fast progress of the information services industry.

TI DATA's R&D focuses on technolo-I V gies that meet sophisticated, diverse



#### NTT DATA At a Glance

CORPORATION

Year ending March 31, 1994
Net sales: 455.3 billion yen (\$4.4 billion)
Net income: 4.9 billion yen (\$47.4 million)
Total starifical Total assets: 649.6 billion yen (\$6.3 billion) At the prevailing exchange rate on March 31, 1994 of 103 yen = US\$1.)

Paid-in capital: 10 billion yen, authorized capital 40 billion yen (wholly owned subsidiary of NTT at the date of establishment) Number of shares of common stock au-

thorized: 800,000 shares Number of shares of common stock issued: 200,000 shares Number of employees: 9,578 (Dec. 31,

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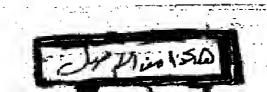
market needs, including multimedia, distributed processing and networking, and software development. The company concentrates on the building blocks of multimedia: graphics, text, character. vaice and image processing, as well as multimedia communications and multimedia database technology. It recently began research on interactive image communications, and, in cooperation

with the U.S. company UniSQL Inc., it has developed a Japanese language version of UniSQL object-oriented relation database management software.

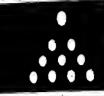
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> r. Fujita, the company's president and CEO, sums up NTT DATA's authook succincity: "The future is full of challenges for a company such as ours. Change is everywhere around us - new lifestyles that are changing the way we live, the transformation from a mass-production society to one... of production for highly segmented consumer markets, and the globalization of financial markets, to mention a few. The information revalution has played a major role in bringing these changes about, and Information technology will continue to enable this evolution. We accept this challenge and are committed to respond to it with the creativity it requires."







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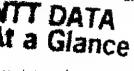
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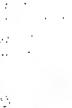




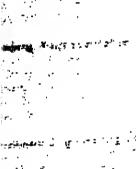


















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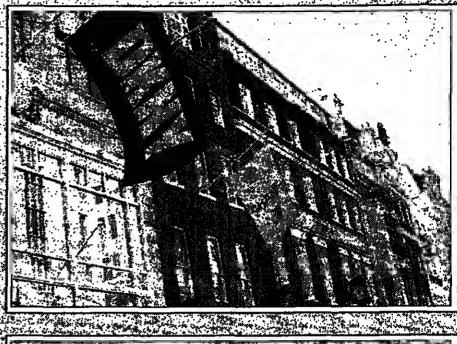
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Clockwise from top left: Neal Fox of Sulka; Roberto Devorik in Lacroix boutique; DKNY flying the flag; Nicole Fahri in her shop; Joseph, the designer-retailer, and Caroline Charles's store for special occasions.

# Shopping in the '90s: Superstar Comeback of Bond Street

By Suzy Menkes aternational Herald Tribune

of which have been there since the dandified Beau Brummel

strutted his stuff in 18th-centu-

Now the lower end — techni-cally Old Bond Street — has

become a shopping nirvana for the 1990s. There is the marble

and frescoed emporium of

Gianni Versace, who must be

credited with starting a trend

when the imposing corner store

opened in 1992. Looking north, there are Gucci, Tiffany and

ry London.

Donna Karan's dramatic platenamed the snave agent 007 for Bond Street, a fashionable for Bond Street. shopping artery in the heart of

Opening next week in a 19th-The stylish street, running between Oxford Street and Piccadilly, lost its traditional luster croix. The five-story shop will sell ready-to-wear, wedding dresses, the Bazar line and, ultias airline offices and banks moved in during the 1980s. But suddenly Bond Street is having mately, menswear. Opposite Lacroix is Sulka, a traditional a shopping renaissance as dosigner stores sprout among art men's store now given interna-tional polish by its American galleries, fine jewelers and the quaint specialist shops - some

Chanel, Karl Lagerfeld and Valentino are all long estab-lished in Bond Street. But, sig-nificantly, there is now a mushroom growth of British names: Joseph, a retailer at the cutting edge of design, Caroline Charles, offering special occasion outfits and romantic straw hats as seen in "Four Weddings and a Funeral," and Nicole Farhi. Her airy store with its hleached wood floors also offers the upscale shopping crowd

Cartier, and pennants stream- what Bond Street needs: a chic ing for Chanel and DKNY. restaurant called Nicole's. Rosamond Monckton is glass-fronted store, with its bar- president of the Bond Street Ascounter and bank of video sociation and managing direc-

screens, opened last October. tor of Tiffany's London branch, As DKNY has exceeded sales which is one of a line-up of expectations, a Donna Karan stores, headed by Asprey, self-designer store is now also slated ing jewelry and objets d'art. She emphasizes the peculiarly British character of Bond Street, with its architectural variety century building of wood pan-els and ceiling moldings, is a London house for Christian La-goods through galleries, Persian carpet stores, antique amber, men's fancy vests or fancier chocolates.

"Part of the attraction of Bond Street is that it is not just retailing," says Monckton. There are the auction houses Sotheby's and Phillips and all the first-floor opera-tions like picture-restorers that are part of the fabrie and life of

ONCKTON delibcrately targeted for Tiffany upseale young elients in search of 21st birthday or wedding gifts. That was a harbinger of change in a street that had become snotty, establishment and intimidating. Many of the customers in the

Americans — different from Joseph Ettedgui, whose bou-the mix at the flagship store in tiques are concentrated in West de tavoreg area for

"There has always been a Blumarine opening — and rubattle between Bond Street and mors of lots of other people — Sloane Street — the pendulum Bond Street is the place to be." swings," says Monckton. "In he says. "All the nice botels are 1986, when I opened Tiffany, it around here, and art galleries. It was a tough call between the is like a little village."

Knightsbridge area.

Devorik of the bijoux building premises, shows how the brand where restorers are at work on has been re-invented. the molded ceiling and where banisters are being installed.

\$32 ROUND

Caroline Charles says that 35 that it was coming back," says and Versace taking over a bank focus specifically on Bond lords had become "greedy" and building. It is like Madison Av- Street, but "wanted a big loca- rents soared. However, a new

Knightsbridge, West London, London, also sniffed the change home of Harrods and until now and opened a Joseph boutique in Old Bond Street a month ago "Suddenly with DKNY and

When Neal Fox became pres-Roberto Devorik, who is be- ident of Sulka, he felt strongly

hind the Lacroix store, is an that the store had to be given a impresario of designer fashion consistent level of quality, taste boutiques, an Argentinian and elegant international style, based in London for 25 years. so that it would seem less like He already has a Lacroix shop haberdashers, supplying underin Sloane Street and other pants and ties, and offer instead stores in the surrounding a total wardrobe. He boasts that the average age of Sulka's eli-"It wasn't easy to find some- ents has come down 15 years to thing for Lacroix, because it cater to 30-to-55-year-olds, and couldn't be grand, but it that the re-furhished flagship couldn't be poor - and I want- on Bond Street, expanded last ed it like a couture house," says year hy taking over adjoining

"I couldn't be more pleased heart-patterned wrought-iron at our decision to stay," he said. "Bond Street has come alive. It "Around here in Bond Street was a cumulative effect that

and moments when suddenly the interest explodes."

The spacious Sulka store with its handmade suits, its classy ties and bathrobes in thick silk with discreet motifs, is part of a Bond Street trend toward large retail spaces.

> ARHI, a French-born designer long estab-lished in London, fell for the wide open area of a former Air France office. Now, well-worn leather armchairs, curving wooden bench-es, sculpted in Madagascar, and flea-market finds furnish the 10,000-square-feet (930-squaremeter) store, which has menswear at the front, the main area devoted to Farhi's stylish separates, and, at the back, her black-on-black line.

"My original thought was that the place reminded me of a hotel lobby, where people sit down and relax," says Farhi of the image that she wanted to convey when the store opened

six months ago. Farhi admits that she and her

enue - you get highs and lows tion." The result has justified the Prada store on Sloane Street decision. In the heart of the West and a fall opening for Giorgio End, customers are not so much Armani, suggest that Bond career clients as women who don't work and have a lot of be part of a more general remoney to spend." Farhi watches naissance of London shopping

"limos pull up outside Valen-tino" and believes that in the tourist season 30 to 40 percent of Bond Street clients will be from

overseas, particularly Japan. When I started in business 30 years ago, Bond Street was the street and Fenwick's was the store," says Farhi, referring to the only department store in New Bond Street. The upper cand is also lively, for Emporio Armani has just opened and there are new stores for Cerruti and for Joan and David shoes. What made Bond Street hot?

Retailers suggest that the risc goes in tandem with the decline

area are now cosmopolitan: was dead - but then I smelled started with the Gucci re-do partner Stephen Marks did not of Knightsbridge, where land-Street's new-found success may

> Bond Street has so far managed to attract a lively young clientele, without losing its es-sential character. But then it has quite a shopping history. This is what Lord Lytton wrote in 1831 about the fashionable promenade that attracted London's

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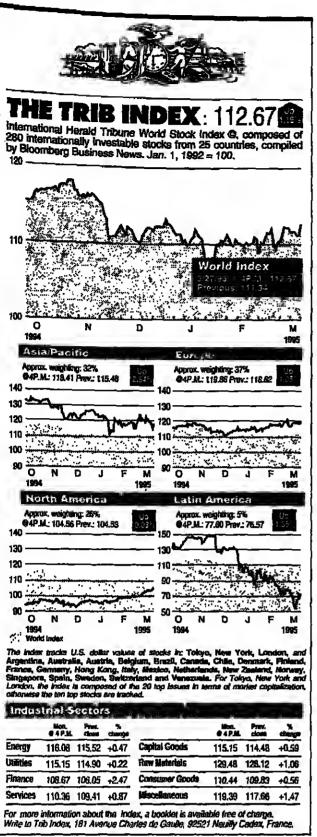
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# **Property Sparks** Stocks

#### **Hong Kong Sale** Lifts Sentiment

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG - The latest overnment land auction on Monday drew some big players into the bidding and all four lots sold for prices at the high end of expectations, which lifted stock sentiment, analysts said.

But the colony's higgest developers failed to win any of the plots, suggesting they remain cautious, the analysts added. The success of the auction

helped drive Hong Kong stock prices higher, with the Hang Seng index closing up 202.88 puints, or 2.4 percent, at

Hong Kong's stock market is largely property-driven and prices at government land sales are taken as important pointers to the health of the economy. Among the stocks driving the

market higher were leading real estate companies, Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd. and Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd.

The Hong Kong land auction was the first since November in which the government succeeded in selling all the sites on its schedule.

The four properties went for a total 3.37 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$437 million).

Sino Land Co. bought two sites worth a total of 2.38 billion Hong Kong dollars, but Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd. failed to huy any lots after bidding aggressively.

The sale bodes well for the territory's economy because because 70 percent of companies derive at least some earnings

"I am very pleased with the results," a Hong Kong govern-ment land agent said. These are consistent, if not slightly better than we expected. I think

and Heald Tribune See PROPERTY, Page 17

# U.S. Human Rights Guide

# White House Is Issuing a Code for Business

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — In an attempt to win back the goodwill of human rights groups disappointed by President Bill Clinton's decision to extend trade benefits to China without tying them to human rights concerns, the White House is issuing a voluntary code of human rights principles for American companies operating abroad.

After protracted argument within the administration, Mr. Clinton decided last spring to bow to business interests that contended that the annual review of China's human rights performance was costing the United States billions of dollars in husiness in the world's most dynamic emerging market.

Now the administration is once again trying to step lightly between two constituencies.

Mr. Clinton has probably done more for American husinesses operating abroad than any president in postwar history, turning the Commerce Department into a forceful advocate for companies, pressing foreign govern-ments to send business their way and raising trade issues to the top of the fureign policy

But as the election approaches, he wants to woo back the human rights community. The chief problem is that America's allies, who are also its biggest economic competitors, have no such codes, and companies in those nations stand to sweep in business that the United States passes by.

That issue was highlighted earlier this month when the administration barred Conoco Inc. from a billion-dollar development

deal with Iran. Now French oil companies are negotiating with Iran to replace Conoco.

It is unclear how many businesses will abide by the code. Some executives reached last week said that if the wording was sufficiently weak or vague and unlikely to affect their competitiveness, there would probably be widespread adherence to what the administration has called "a model of behavior."

The code's deliberately vague language urges companies to respect the right of workers to organize and stops short of asking them to encourage such activities, people familiar with it said.

The lear, several administration officials said, is that any such code could be viewed in many nations — including China — as an effort to undermine national laws that strictly regulate labor activities.

The code makes no mention of paying a "fair wage" to workers in developing coun-tries and emerging markets; those familiar with it said, and it sidesteps the question of how companies should treat workers who are prosecuted for engaging in political dissent.

In a declaration issued at the time be extended China's trade privileges, Mr. Clinton committed to increased broadcasts into China by Radio Free Asia and the Voice of America, more support for non-governmental human rights groups operating there and "the development with American business leaders of a voluntary set of principles for business activity in China."

Progress on the first two commitments has been minimal. When the administration bean drafting the code of conduct, the State Department argued that a code only for businesses operating in China would further irritate relations between the two countries.

# Bonn Sets Stage For Fracas Over Phone Market

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches limit the number of licenses issued to private companies seeking to offer telephone service when its huge market is opened to competition in 1998, Wolfgang Botsch, the minister of postal services and telecommunications, said Monday.

Mr. Bötsch announced recommendations that, if adopted by German legislators, would give a host of would-be international competitors access to the world's third-largest phone market and put pressure on Deutsche Telekom AG, the state-run phone company.

The recommendations set the stage for the opening of the market and the selling of Deutsche Telekom to private investors, which the German government wants to begin next year.

The field of potential competitors to Demsche Telekom has grown in recent months to inchude several domestic utilities that have forged alliances with established foreign telecommunications companies.

The utilities plan to huild competing networks around their existing electricity grids. VIAG AG has teamed up with

British Telecommunications BONN—Germany will not mit the number of licenses is with BellSouth Corp. of the United States, and Veba AG has linked with Cable & Wireless PLC of Britain.

Mr. Bötsch said operators of mobile telephone systems would be allowed to construct and operate their own networks before 1998, without having to lease segments from Deutsche Telekom as they do now.

Under the plan outlined by Mr. Bötsch, only companies that have a market share of uver 25 percent will be required to offer universal service.

In the initial stages, this would include only Deutsche Telekom.

Companies that receive licenses will pay no fees for ac-cess to public rights-of-way fur network installation.

The government also detailed its timetable for liberalization: a new telecommunications law is to be drafted by the fall of 1995, and passed by Parliament by the summer of 1996.

Sample licenses and require ments will be drafted by the fall of 1996, and licenses granted hy the spring of 1997.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

## Pearson Profit Rise Is Clouded by Video-Unit Slump

LONDON - Pearson PLC, the Brit-

by Japanese competition. Pretax profit for the year rose to £297.8 million (\$473.5 million), helped by a huge £57.6 million contribution expected," said Frank Barlow, Pearson's from the newly floated British Sky

But despite a dividend increase of 2 pence to 15 pence, Pearson's shares fell

15 pence to 569 pence after the company said that the performance of its videoish media conglomerate, reported a 43 entertainment unit Mindscape — part percent rise in 1994 profit Monday but of last year's \$462 million acquisition of saw its shares dive as investors learned the U.S.-based software publisher Softthat a new acquisition had been hit hard ware Toolworks Inc. - had not lived up to expectations.

"The decline in the video cartridge games market has been more rapid than managing director, adding that Japanese Broadcasting Group PLC, or BSkyR, in video-game makers such as Sega Enter-which Pearson kept a 14 percent stake. to the slump with herce price-cutting.

a year behind schedule," said Mr. Barlow, without giving specific sales figures. "But it will now grow at the rate we expected it to." He said Mindscape was still strong in the higher-margin CD-ROM games market.

Sega and Nintendo were accused earlier this month of monopolistic practices

Pessimism over Mindscape obscured the otherwise steady increase in Pearson's operating profits across most of its businesses, led by a jump of about a third in its information-division earnings to £84.7 million.

Advertising revenues picked up strongly in both the national newsarm, which publishes the

Times, and across Pearson's stable regional newspapers, the company said. Mr. Barlow said the relatively luwvolume international circulation of the Financial Times meant that the newspaper operation had not been affected as much by the recent surge in the price of newsprint paper as some in the sector.

Analysts, however, made downgrades to their current-year forecasts for Pearson based on the outlook for Mindscape. (Renters, Bloomberg)

#### Thinking Ahead /Commentary

# France Should Let Customers Be Right

By Reginald Dale

nal Herald Tribune ASHINGTON -An American visitor to Paris recently received a sharp insight into how France works after losing patience with rude sales staff in a

high-fashion cluthing store.
Whatever happened to the idea that the customer is always right?" he asked.
"Nut here," came the immediate reply. fa France the supplier of a service tends to demand, and receive, more con-

siderarium than the consumer. And despite the country's pride in its revolutionary traditions, when a problem has to be solved it is usually the government, not the citizen, that is expected to come up with the answer.

So it is natural that when a threat to French culture is perceived, it should be the government that takes to the barricades — whether by trying to ban the encroachment of English into the French language or by barring American programs from French TV. What programs the French people

might want to watch, even what words they might want to use are of less impor-tance than what the French establishment thinks is best. Unfortunately, the consequences of-ten reach far beyond France. It is at

French insistence that the European Cummission has just resuscitated proposals to tighten restrictions on foreign TV programs throughout the European

The Commission wants to enforce quotas requiring a majority of TV programs aired by European stations to be made in Europe by closing a couple of loopholes that have made the rules easy to evade.

The plan represents an inelegant at-tempt by the commission to balance the views of the Union's traditionally protectionist South, led by France, which favors the local suppliers (the European TV industry), against those of the free-

Blue jeans have not knocked out the fashion industry. Fast food has not destroyed French gastronomy.

trading North, led by Britain and Germany, which hacks the consumers (the

viewers).

And the proposal is strongly contested by the consumer's ultimate champion, the United States, whose interests happen to be directly at stake in the shape of well over \$1 billion worth of exports of programs to the EU each year.

It could be much worse. What the commission is really proposing is to concede the present to the protectionists while awarding the future to the free traders - which is far better than the other way around.

The quotas would end after ten years.

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Most importantly, they would not apply to the new multi-media technologies which will soon bring video-on-demand and a host of other new services onto home TV screens.

Far more is involved than whether or not there can be a cartoon channel on Reigian TV. At issue is one of the biggest growth industries of the 21st century which is why the Canute-like French approach is doomed. Consumers will soon have far more choice than govern-

ments can easily control. Even so, other governments should not accept any strengthening of the quo-tas, which would subject their own viewers to rules dreamed up by French bureaucrats for the next ten years. An industry sheltered by quotas is unlikely to become competitive.

France's claim to defend not just French, but European culture is the height of hypocrisy. There is no sign that the French government wants more German or British programs on French TV. Indeed, it insists that 40 percent of the material shown be French-made.

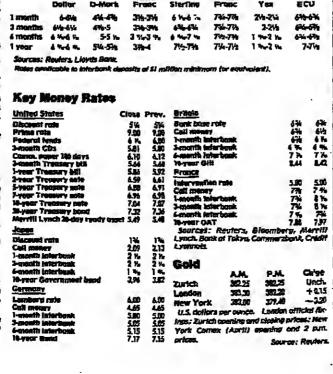
And French consumers are wiser than their government thinks. Blue jeans have unt knocked out the fashion industry.

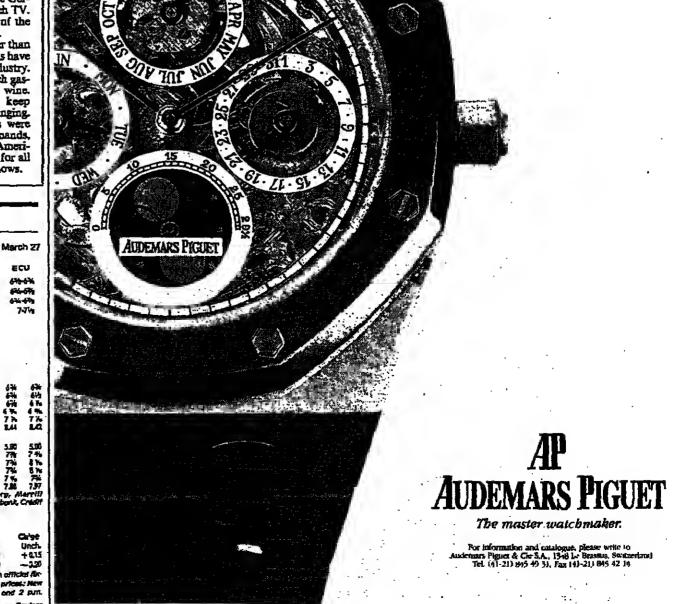
Fast food has not destroyed French gas-tronomy, nor Coca-Cola French wine. Government decrees cannot keep tastes — or language — from changing. Who knows, if French suppliers were more receptive to consumer demands, they might sell more goods to Americans. That could in turn help pay for all those imported American TV shows.

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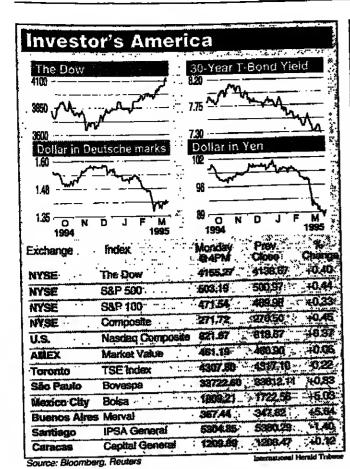
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#### Very briefly:

AT&T Corp. has filed a \$250 million lawsuit against Martin Marietta Corp., charging that the spacecraft maker failed to disclose defects in a broadcast satellite that exploded last September.

• WellPoint Health Networks Inc. is in talks to acquire the rival health-maintenance organization Health Systems International Inc. in a stock swap valued at about \$1.7 billion. Value Health Inc. has agreed to buy Diagnostek Inc., a prescription benefit manager, for stock valued at about \$480 million. The

deal will create America's largest independent prescription benefit management company, the companies said.

 Bank of New York Co. plans in acquire Putnam Trust Co. of Greenwich for about \$140 million through a stock swap. Sloomberg, AP, AFX, Knight-Ridder

#### **Weekend Box Office**

LOS ANGELES - "Outhreak" dominated the U.S. box office again over the the weekend again with a gross of \$8.2 million. Fullowing are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on Friday ticket sales and estimated sales for Saturday and Sunday.

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# LaWare Resigns as Fed Governor

By Keith Bradsher New York Thnes Service

WASHINGTON - John P. LaWare, a U.S. Federal Reserve Board governor with a reputation for favoring higher interest rates and opposing the Clinton administration's bank policies, announced his resignation on Monday, to take effect April 30.

While Mr. LaWare did not provide a reason for his departure in his resignation letter, he is 67 years old and has made little secret over the past year of his interest in retiring Mr. LaWare's departure gives President Bill Clinton the chance to fill a third vacancy on the powerful board in less than a year.

governor tends to have little effect on interest-rate policy, the administration's recent nominations have been slightly more willing than their Republican colleagues to discuss publicly the risks of higher unemployment caused by the Federal Reserve's efforts to fight inflation with higher interest rates.

The policy-making Federal Open Market Committee is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, but the Fed said Monday that Mr. LaWare would not attend. Financial analysts said that with the U.S. economy showing clear signs of slowing, the Fed was likely to stand pat on rates.

When the committee voted not to raise interest rates last December, Mr. LaWare took the uncommon step of dis-

While the replacement of any single overnor tends to have little effect on the tends t nors to notice early signs of slowing.

There are signs of a slowing down but it's a slowing down in the rate of growth — it's not the kind of slowing down that says you're in a nose dive," he said on March 10.

Yet Mr. LaWare has been known at the Fed less for his economic forecasting than for his outspoken positions on bank regulatory issues. He headed the board's bank regulatory committee and led the Fed's successful fight last year to stop the administration's plan to consolidate bank regulatory agencies, which would have taken away some of the Fed's considerable powers over large banks.

# Kodak Focuses Strategy on Photography

By John Holusha New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- Eastman Kodak Co.'s presentation Tuesday of the company's strategy for digital photography is expected to include announcements of new cameras, printers and alliances with telephone companies that would transmit pictures around the world within hours of being

George M.C. Fisher, who took over as chairman of Kodak in December 1993, has said the company would focus on the business of imaging its traditional film, with increasing emphasis on electronic pictures. The company, based in Rochester, New York, sold off almost all of its non-photographic operations last year.

Although Kodak executives declined to provide details about the planned announcements, people close to the photo industry said they expected Mr. Fisher to reveal a system for capturing, storing, re-trieving, printing and transmitting images.

In the past, the company made a practice of introducing a single device, such as its Photo CD, without tying it into a system available to customers. The Photo CD, a means of storing images electronically, was a flop as a consumer product, but it is finding increasing uses in business and

and a lot of alliances," said Frank Romano, a professor at Rochester Institute of Technology-

He said the new products would be aimed at businesses that have a need for

Kodak already makes a low-cost digital camera that captures images as electrical pulses rather than on grains of silver halide film. That camera is sold for about \$700 by Apple Computer Inc. as its Quick Take input device. Kodak also sells in dessional electronic cameras for \$12,000 to \$46,000.

The company is also expected to an-"I expect we will see a low-cost digital camera at about \$900, some low-cost printers at various quality levels, the relaunch of Photo CD and a desktop Photo CD maker

Compiled by Our Staff Prove Disputches NEW YORK - Led by financial and international oil companies, stocks gained amid optimism that the economy was slowing enough to prevent further increases in interest rates but not so much as to harm corporate profits.

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The Dow Jones industrial avcrage closed up 16.60 points, at

#### U.S. Stocks

4.155.27. Gaining issues outnumbered decliners on the New York Stock Exchange by 11 to

Semiconductor, tobacco and food stocks also rose.

The bond market followed the upward trend, with the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond up 17/32, to close 103 23/32. That lowered the yield to 7.32 percent, from 7.36 percent Friday.

The latest evidence that economic growth is decelerating came in a report showing that sales of previously owned homes dropped 5 percent in February, the second straight monthly decline. And a government report showed factory orders for big-ticket goods, such as televisions and washing ma-chines, fell in February for the first time since October.

Analysts concluded that the slowdowns were just more reason for the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee to refrain from raising rates at its meeting Tuesday.

Stocks to a Gain American Express stock hit an eight-year high, to close up 114, at 3514, after the company announced plans to buy back as

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bil increased % to 91%. Despite a likely increase in fuel costs, airline issues also rose as USAir Group closed up 114 to 6% after the airline reached a tentative agreement with its pilots union. AMR Corp., parent company of American Airlines

was up 2% to 64%. Semiconductor stocks kept climbing amid expectations that demand would stay strong for memory chips and microproces-sors. Duff & Phelps raised its earnings estimates for Intel and said its stock should jump to \$114 in the next year. The stock hit a 52-week high to close up 1%

Motorola closed up 11/4 at 561/2 and Texas Instruments was up 2% to 96%.

America Online shares closed down 1% at 79%, after MCI Communications said it would sell access to the internet at prices highly competitive with the on-line services company. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AP)

#### Interest Rate Expectations Keep the Dollar on Edge change at ING Capital Markets

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar was lower against Enropean currencies on Monday on ex-

pectations that U.S. and German interest rates would remain unchanged, but it rose against the yen on indications Japan might lower its rates.

Everyone is going to be wondering all week about the Fed, Bundesbank and Bank of Japan," said David De Rosa, cising caution.

not expect a change in mone-tary policy when Federal Re-get caught too short or too

Foreign Exchange serve Board policymakers meet Tuesday and when the Bundesbank council meets Thursday. market players were still exer-

director of fureign exchange
Tom Moore, chief dealer at
trading at Swiss Bank Corp. in
American Express Bank, said, People just don't want to take While most economists do a chance on what is going to

> The dollar stood at 1.4058 Deutsche marks, down from 1.4173 DM on Friday.

The dollar was also at 1.1597 Swiss francs, down from 1.1742 francs on Friday, and at 4.9490

Tom Moore, chief dealer at French francs, down from 4.9885 francs.

The pound was at \$1.5964, up from \$1.5940. The dollar rose to 89.405 yen

from 88:950 yen. "There is speculation that Japan may lower rates to take the To Our Readers dge off the surging yen, so there is interest to buy dollars

thy, manager of foreign ex-

in New York. Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura did not directly call

for lower rates. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AP)

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World stock prices were not available Monday because of against yen," said John McCar- computer problems. We regree

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the usual 4 P.M.

The change is necessary to meet distribution requirements. Most editions will again carry closing prices and indexes after April 3, when Daylight Saving Time begins in the United

# He got in the way of somebody's war.



Nine out of ten casualties in modern warfare are civilians. The vast majority of its victims never wore a uniform or carried a gun.

In the so-called "post-war period since 1945, at least 20 million people have died in over 100 conflicts. A further 60 million have been wounded. imprisoned, separated from their families and forced to flee their homes or their countries. In over 30 armed conflicts, this

human misery is happening now. Yet the Geneva Conventions. - ratified by 164 states - lay down clear rules that all victims of war living under the darkness of conflict must be respected They have the right to protec-

tion from murder, torture, starvation and being taken bostage. To focus attention on the plight of millions of civilians caught in the crossfire, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is aunching a worldwide

campaign to ensure that they get the protection and assistance to which they are entitled under international law. No matter who. No matter

there. No matter when. We call nn governments and combatants everywhere to respect the rights of all victims who get in the way of somebody's war. Help us to help them.



Because of the seven-hour time difference between New York and Paris until April 3, the U.S. stocks tables, the U.S. Futures prices and some other items in this edition are from 3 P.M. New York time instead of

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# STET Courts IBM For Some Help in Brave New World

By John Tagliabue New York Times Service

ROME - In reaching out to International Business Machines Corp., Italy's stateowned telecommunications company is a bit like a sheep looking for a shepherd to fight off yapping woives. Società Finanziaria Tele-

fonica, known as STET, has given few details of the talks it began in February about possible cooperative ven-tures with IBM. But the fact that there are talks is significant for a company that has long prided itself on its independence while profiting from monopoly status.

Independence, however, does not work very well in a global economy, and STET's monopoly in Italy is eroding as European nations deregulate their telecommunications industries. So STET is shopping around.

The outcome is crucial for STET, which is high on the Italian government's privatization agenda.

(Prime Minister Lamberto Dini said Monday that a stable core of shareholders must be in place for the privatization of STET, Reuters reported from Milan.

thrust themselves into new [Mr. Dini said a "hard businesses in Italy and core" of shareholders was abroad, starting interactive necessary for the flotation, television projects, launchwhich the government wants ing one of Italy's two celluto carry out by autumn, lar phone systems and prowhile at the same time aimviding business customers ing for the widest possible with access to the Internet. investor participation.]

Some of the wolves snapan phone companies, has ping at its heels are just cubs been discussing tactical alli-- local companies seeking ances with other players, inchunks of STET's business. cluding Siemens AG and AT&T Corp. But all of this Others are more menacing — European telecommunicamay do little good in the tions giants that have a big technological lead over STET long run unless it can gain a strategic partner in a worldand have formed strategic alwide network for transmitliances with American comting data and voice. panies, giving them a head start as Europe prepares for deregulation of the telecom-

munications market by 1998. Enter IBM. The computer giant has big private worldwide communications networks and has said it planned

to enter global telecommuni-

cations. It could conceivably

IBM's experience in process-

Corporate analysts say

such an alliance would make

sense. "STET has many irons

in the fire, but in some ways

not enough, such as interna-

large corporate customers,

Sean Phelan of Yankee

Group Europe said. IBM, he

said, could offer global con-

nections, providing engineers and marketing, while STET

could provide such special-ized skills as transmission

telecommunications compa-

nies, STET has embarked on

an extensive overhaul. Last

year, five of its operating

units, in businesses ranging

from phone systems to man-

ufacturing equipment, were combined into Telecom Italia

SpA, an \$18-billion-a-year

group controlled by STET.

The companies have

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LONDON - After months of rumors, Scottish & Newcastle PLC confirmed Monday that it had entered negotiations to create Britain's largest brewing company by buying Courage Ltd.

By Erik Ipsen

International Herald Tribune

Courage commands 19 percent of the market, while Scottish has a 12 percent

use a partner like STET. The deal, which is expected to face severe Enrico Graziani, STET's scrutiny from regulators, is expected to value Courage, the British arm of Australia's general manager, said such a link would give it an advan-Foster Brewing Group Ltd., at £400 million tage over European competi-(\$636 million) to £600 million. tors by melding STET's telecommunications skills with

Rising Yen

**Dents Profit** 

At Inchcape

LONDON — Shares in Inch-cape PLC fell sharply Monday

after the trading concern said 1994 pretax profit dropped 16

percent and warned that first-

half profit for 1995 would be

"significantly below" that for

The company, which gener-

ates about two-thirds of its rev-

enues by distributing and sell-ing automobiles, blamed the profit drop on the strength of

the yen and slower Toyota

sales. Other divisions per-

formed strongly, it said.
Pretax profit dropped to £228.4 million (\$363 million), from £271.4 million a year earli-

er. Shares in Inchcape finished 27 pence lower at 275 pence.

Sales from continuing opera-tions rose to £5.92 billion from

"We were held back by the

yen and a weak car market,"

Charles MacKay, the compa-

£5.87 billion a year earlier.

the first half of 1994.

"This is the long-awaited and longhoped-for consolidation in the industry, said Ron Littleboy, an analyst with Nomura Research Institute in London. Laboring under overcapacity estimated

recent years have battered each other with repeated price cuts. Analysts say they hoped that the merging of Courage with the Edinburgh-based Scottish will usher in an era in which fewer brewers concentrate their competitive firepower on fewer

**Brewer Admits to Pursuing Courage** 

brands and less production.

For Scottish & Newcastle, the acquisition is deemed a perfect fit. Its traditional strength is in Scotland and the northeast of England, where its brands command 40 percent of the market. It has a relatively modest market position in the south of England and the Midlands, the two areas where Courage brands are strongest.

It is the neatness of that fit that analysts say puts Scottish in the best position to pass muster with Britain's Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

"There is much less of an overlap than there would have been with Whitbread"

as high as 20 percent, British hrewers in PLC, noted Dermott Carr, an analyst with Nikko Securities Co., referring to the other British brewer long rumored to be interested in buying Courage.

Nonetheless, the government is widely believed to be insisting that a combined entity have no more than 25 percent of the market. That would make it slightly larger than longtime industry leader Bass PLC.

Analysts say that Scottish & Newcastle will likely have little difficulty in selling off enough brands to satisfy the regulators. They say it will be eager in any case to cuit both overall capacity as well as the number of its brands in an effort to drive down costs and to concentrate its marketing efforts.

Scottish & Newcastle stock closed down 3 pence, at 510 pence. Analysts attributed the fail to the expected lengthy govern-ment review of any deal and to fears that the company may be overextending itself.

# Net Soars at Commerzbank

FRANKFURT - Commerzbank AG, Germany's third-largest bank, said Mooday that its 1994 net profit nearly doubled to 1.06 hillion Deutsche marks (\$757 million) thanks to the good earnings of the bank's

The bank said it would pay a 1.50 DM bonus on top of an unchanged regular annual dividend of 12 DM for 1994. The bank's shares rose 7 DM to close at 322 DM in Frankfurt after the partial results were announced. Full results were to be announced

on Thursday. The profit increase was also helped by the partial divestiture of Commerzbank's unit DBV Holding AG, and by the bank's sale of its 15 percent holding in Karstadt AG, the German retailer, the bank said,

Operating profit at the parent company was "clearly lower" because of increased risk provisions and writedowns on its investment portfolio. Commerzbank said. Most German banks last year had sharply lower operating earnings because sinking bond markets resulted in substantial writedowns on bond portfolios.

Net profit for the parent company grew 41.6 percent, to 702.1 million DM.

Commerzbank also said it would ask shareholders at its annual meeting in May to anthorize the sale of new shares to raise its capital by a maximum of 160 million DM. Approval would allow management to begin the sale at its discretion. The sale would involve a maximum of 3.2 million new shares,

The rise in group net profit allowed the bank to boost its revenue reserves at the group level by 600 million DM. The group. also said it had transferred more than 100 million DM to its hidden reserves from its operating profit

(AP, Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

#### Sandoz Aims to Float Chemical Unit

sion rather than sell it, and ex- tion operations. pects to complete the

ny's chief executive, said. While Inchcape has distribution and sales contracts with all major automakers, some 30 percent of that business is distributing and selling cars made by Toyota Motor Corp.

The forthcoming deregu-Inchcape's Toyota sales lation in European telecomdropped 20 percent to 135,000 munications is similar in units in 1994. Total car sales scope and aims to the suddropped 11 percent to 292,000. den breakup of the Bell Sys-Final full-year dividend rose tem in the United States in 1.4 percent to 15 pence a share from 148 pence last year.

said Monday. Mr. Schweizer added that the tures. The flotation of the sale of the division could not be chemical division is scheduled ruled out. "We wish, however, to com-

plete the project quickly and 1995, he said. this seems to be the safest and He promise most interesting solution for the tails in May, including the division," be said, referring to a name of the new company. public share offering. The divestiture, announced tation would depend on market

Compiled by Ow Stoff From Disposers last week, is the first step in a conditions and the solution of Compiled by Our Staff From Disposeher last week, is the first step in a conditions and the solution of gas producer to grow more than 10 percent this year from 246 BASEL — Sandoz AG preplan by Sandoz to focus on its legal issues, which he did not million DM last year, but sales would rise less than 5 percent. fers to float its chemical divi- core pharmacentical and nutri- specify.

"All non-core activities are billion Swiss francs (\$2 billion) divestiture by the end of this carmarked for a spin-off." Mr. in 1994 and operating profit of year, the company's chief exec- Schweizer said at a news confer- more the utive officer, Rolf Schweizer, ence. He added that no dates he said. had been set for other divesti-

> to begin in July or August and to be completed by the end of He promised to provide details in May, including the million francs, Sandoz said. However, he noted that the flo-

The division had sales of 2.3 more than 200 million francs,

Sandoz also said that Gerber Products Co., which it acquired last year at a cost of \$3.8 billion, had contributed operating income of 98 million Swiss francs and sales of 552 million francs in the 1994 financial year. Fi-

• Linde AG expects profit at the German machinery and industrial Marks & Spencer PLC said it would continue to expand in

Europe, with possible sites in Germany and Italy. The British retailer also said it was planning to set up an office in China, but it would not open stores in Japan. Automobiles Peugeot SA said it expected to sell 15,000 to 20,000 cars in Brazil in 1995, compared with 8,500 last year, and was

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Dutch railways locomotive contract with GEC Aisthon.

guilders in 1994 from 19.9 billion a year earlier.

reorganization and higher car sales in Europe.

The Dutch government will investigate allegations that officials

received 2 million guilders (\$1.3 million) in bribes to place a

• The Dutch current account surplus narrowed to 14.8 billion

• Benetton Group SpA said 1994 profit rose to 210 billion lire (\$121 million) from 208 billion a year earlier, as sales rose 1.3 percent, to 2.788 trillion lire.

Pirelli SpA said the Italian tire company earned a profit last year of 110 billion lire (\$64 million), its first profit since 1990, from

Italy's producer price index rose 0.9 percent in January from December and climbed at an annual rate of 5.6 percent.

• Istituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino SpA reported a 1994

parent net profit of 388 billion lire, down 39 percent on the year.

E. Merck plans to sell up to 2.6 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.8)

billion) of shares of the German pharmaceuticals company to the public at the end of September, E. Merck and the U.S. company, Merck & Co., have had no connection since World War II.

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planning to set up a production site there. Western Europe's car market will grow steadily but at a fairly low rate this year of 3 percent, the president of General Motors

(Europe) said. Daewoo Electronics Co. of South Korea said it would spend \$31 million to build an electronics parts plant to Poland.

nancing costs were about 90 . Norway's industrial output rose 0.1 percent in February from January and climbed 3.9 percent from a year earlier. Bloomberg, Renters, Knight-Rudder, AFX

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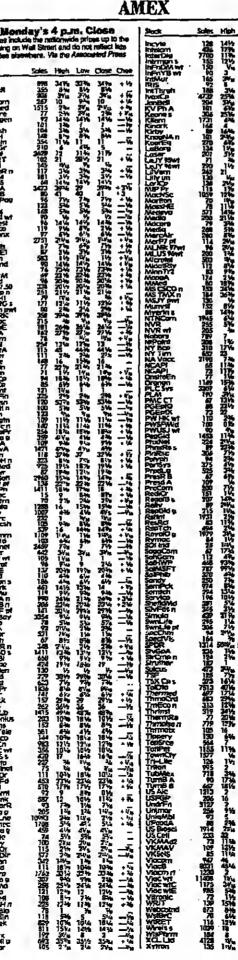
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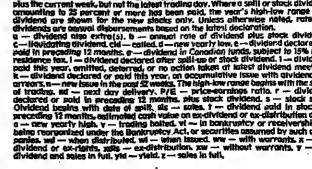
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# **Apartment Sales** Help CITIC Unit Post Profit Rise

HONG KONG - CITIC Pacific Ltd. said Monday its net profit rose 36 percent last year, as healthy apartment sales offset a slump in car sales.

The company, which is con-trolled by China International Trust and Investment Corp., Beijing's flagship overseas investment concern, said net profit rose to 2.57 billion Hong growth this year. Kong dollars (\$332 million) for

#### **Hotel Rates** Help Bolster Shangri-La Net

HONG KONG - Shangri-La Asia Ltd., the luxury hotel group, said Monday that its net profit climbed 33.6 percent in 1994 as room price and occupancy rates in almost all of its hotels in China and Hong Kong rose during the year.

The company, which is controlled by Robert Kuok, the Hong Koogbased businessman, said profit after taxes was 632 million Hong Kong dollars (\$81.7 million), up from 472.9 million dollars in

Sales increased to 1.5 billion dollars from 1.19 billion dollars while earnings per share increased to 61.6 cents from 50.6 cents.

The results were above analysts' expectations that, on average, had forecast profit of about 600 million dollars. Shangri-La's shares fell 5 cents to close at 8.30 dollars in Hong Kong after the results were announced.

Separately, the company said that five of its proposed 18 hotel and real estate projects in China would be halted due to problems finding sites and difficulties with partners. Sales rose 12 percent, to 12.12 billion dollars. The company's board recommended a rise in the annual dividend to 35 Hong Kong cents per share

from 28 cents. The result exceeded analysts expectations, and CITIC Pacific shares rose 35 cents, to 18.65 dollars. However, analysts said they expected slower profit

Kong dollars (\$332 million) for Larry Yung, chairman of CI-1994, from 1.89 hillion a year TIC Pacific, said efforts by Beijiog to slow economic growth would hurt the compa-Dy's car sales.

> Profit was boosted by property investment near the site of Hong Kong's new airport. In February last year, CITIC Pa-cific paid 3.5 billion dollars for 50 percent of Hong Kong Resorts, which owns a residential development oo Discovery Bay

on Lantau Island. "I'm not sure if they can sell the Discovery Bay flats as prof-itably as last year," said Chris Li, an analyst at Merrill Lynch Asia. He predicted decreased profit growth for this year.

Other analysts agreed 1995 would be a tough year. "Longterm prospects are very strong but in the short term there will be some difficulties, especially in the motor trading business, said Cassindy Chao of Goldman Sachs Asia Ltd.

CITIC Pacific's share of profit from companies in which it owns stakes more than doubled to 2.46 billion dollars from 1.31 billion dollars.

The rise in this stream of profits came from stakes in Hong Kong Resorts, Hong Kong Telecommunications Ltd. and Hong Kong's two main airlines: Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. and Dragonair.

a 9 percent decrease in pretax operating profit, to 828 million

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# Delisting Without Pain Jardine Rolls On Despite Hong Kong Exit

HONG KONG - The Jardine Matheson group's 1994 results will show that profit growth has slowed down but remained strong, even as the group takes its shares off the Hong Kong bourse, analysts said Monday.

Analysts predicted that Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd., the group's flagship company, would post a 15 percent rise in net profit for 1994, to about \$488 million. The company is scheduled to announce the results on Friday.

The results, though less impressive than the 24 percent profit growth posted for the first half of 1994, and a 23 percent rise for 1993. will show that the group is successfully navi-gating its delisting of shares from Hong Kong and its entry on Singapore's exchange, ana-

They added that the results would also show the group, long associated with Hong Kong's colonial past, was weathering slumps in the securities and property market in its

"I'm looking at about a 15 percent increase in profit for Jardine Matheson, which is good," said Anne Gardini of James Capel & Co.

Jardine Fleming Group Ltd., an unlisted company equally held by Jardine Matheson and Robert Fleming Holdings Ltd. of Britain, said last week its net profit rose 5 percent in 1994, to \$211 million. That contrasted with a 166 percent increase in profit for 1993.

Ms. Gardini said Jardine Fleming enjoyed a giant jump in funds under management in the second half of 1993 when the Hong Kong stock market and other Asian markets were

She said that the results for the first half of 1994 compared very favorably with those for the first half of 1993, but that the second half of 1994 was sluggish compared to the same

Results for Hongkong Land Co., which will rin Oriental are to delist from also be announced Friday, will be crucial to bourse at the end of March.

the Jardine Matheson group. Analysts' predictions for profit growth at that company ranged from 12 percent to 25 percent.

The Hong Kong property market has been weak and several developers have recently released disappointing earnings, but analysts said Hongkong Land was not exposed to the soft property sales that have hurt rivals. The analysts said growth in rental of prime office space should support steady overall growth.

On Wednesday, another of the group's companies, the retailer Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd., is expected to announce a rise in profit of 14 to 20 percent, but the hulk of that profit growth will have come from a property sale in the first half.

Without the property sale, the company would have posted growth of between 2 percent and 4 percent, analysts said.

On Thursday, Mandarin Oriental International Ltd., a hotel company, is expected to show profit growth of 18 to 26 percent for last

Profit at Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd., also due Friday, will rise in line with its holdings in the three listed units.

"China is slowing and interest rates are nising, there's not going to be such a story of excitement from Hong Kong," said Brian Parker, an analyst at Credit Lyonnais.

Other analysts said the delisting of shares in Jardine Matheson and Jardine Strategic from Hong Kong in December had no ill effects on share trading.

They said that while the volume of the companies' shares traded in Singapore was slightly lower than it had been in Hong Kong, it was higher than expected. They added that concerns about a possible lack of liquidity in that market had been unwarranted.

Hongkong Land, Dairy Farm and Mandarin Oriental are to delist from the Hong Kong

#### U.S. Seeks **Quick Deal** With Japan

TOKYO - The United States wants to speed up its auto trade talks with Japan, the chief American negotiator said after the talks resumed in Tokyo on Monday following a one-month hreak.

But Jeffrey E. Garten, the undersecretary of commerce for international trade, said it was too soon to say whether there had been any progress. Washington has said it wants an accord hy Friday on opening Japan's auto-mobile market to foreign manu-

"It is our intention to increase the pace of negotiations now," Mr. Garten said. "We anticipate more expert meetings and highlevel talks in the near future, probably in Washington."

Mr. Garten said both sides were working hard to reach an agreement

"There have been areas where the gap narrowed," the chief Japanese negotiator, Yoshihiro Sakamoto, said, "and areas

where the gap hasn't narrowed." The vice minister of international trade and industry said the sides discussed deregulation

parts, including efforts to in-crease the sale of imported parts. The talks are also to address efforts to get Japanese dealer-ships to sell more American and

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other imported automobiles. (AFP, Knight-Ridder)

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• China has decided to build a 2.7 billion yuan (\$320 million) bridge linking the special economic zone of Xiamen with the town of Haichong; the bridge is expected to be completed by 1998, with investments from Japan and Australia.

Shanghai Shenyin Securities Co., China's largest securities company, said profit rose 11 percent in 1994, to 27g million yuan. It held 26 percent of the domestic underwriting market.

Japan's capital investment will rise 1.2 percent in the 1995-96 financial year, following an expected 4.1 percent fall in 1994-95. the Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan said.

 Boral Ltd., an Australian huilding-materials and energy compa-oy, plans to buy Bickerstaff Clay Products Co., a U.S. brick maker; the deal would make Boral the higgest clay brick producer in the United States,

Airbus Industrie has concluded from a study of 48 Asian airlines that the region will spend at least \$340 billion oo aircraft over the ding for the two key sites but in oext 20 years, increasing the size of the region's commercial fleet the eod, Heoderson Land, Cheung Kong and Sun Hung by more than 200 percent.

• NTT Data Communications Systems Corp. plans to list 20,000 new shares and sell 45,000 existing ones next month. One analyst estimated that the shares would be priced at around 1.5 millioo yen, octting the company about \$1 billion.

• Royal Nepal Airlines Corp. said losses of \$21.6 million over the last two years had pushed the company close to liquidation,

 Austria and Vietnam signed agreements to modernize Vietnam's railways, regulate airline traffic and stimulate trade and investment between the two countries. · Malaysia's prime minister, Mahathir bin Mohamad, said the

ringgit had oot depreciated too much versus the yen and the gapore dollar. International Trade and Industry Minister Rafidah Aziz said the country would aim for an average annual growth rate of 7 percent in its gross domestic product for at least the oext five years. (AFP, AFX, AP, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, Reuters)

# PROPERTY: Successful Land Sale in Hong Kong Bodes Well for Stocks

Continued from Page 13 it demonstrates support for the

residential sector." The government put up four sites for auction, two residential

That cash flow helped offset

Mr. Li of Merrill Lynch said the fall in operating profit was largely caused by a drop in car sales by Dah Chong Hoog (Chi-na) Ltd., which is wholly owned by CITIC Pacific. The company's sales in China fell 10 percent last year after duty-free imsite in Ma On Shan in the New with the expected range of 48

The other key plot, a residential site in Ho Man Tin, Kowplots and two for non-industrial use, in the secood of three March auctions. On Thursday, another three residential sites and an industrial or office plot will be put up

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Territories, which sold for 1.32 billion Hong Koog dollars, more than the 1.25 to 1.27 billion dollars expected.

loon, sold for 920 million dollars, compared with estimates of 562 million to 1.09 billion

The other two sites, a conindustrial plot in Tseung Kwan O in Kowloon and a residential site located in Yuen Long in the New Territories, both met with surprising demand.

plot up for auction on Monday
The Yuen Loog site sold for was the commercial/residential 70 million dollars, compared

million to 58 million dollars, Some analysts had expected this site to be withdrawn.

Tseung Kwan O fetched 1.06 billion dollars after coming close to being withdrawn. Franklio Lam, Salomon

Brothers property analyst, called the prices encouraging. The prices are quite a bit

above most expectations and it's not that the big guns are not interested, but only a question of them not being prepared to go as far as the others," added James Lam at Standard Chartered.

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Sino Land Co. bought the large Ma On Shan site, while a joint venture between China Overseas Holdings Ltd., Bank of China and Bank of East Asia

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purchased the Ho Man Tin plot. A 50-50 vecture between Sino Land and the Ng family bought the Tseung Kwan O site, and Paliburg Development Ltd bought the Yuen Loog

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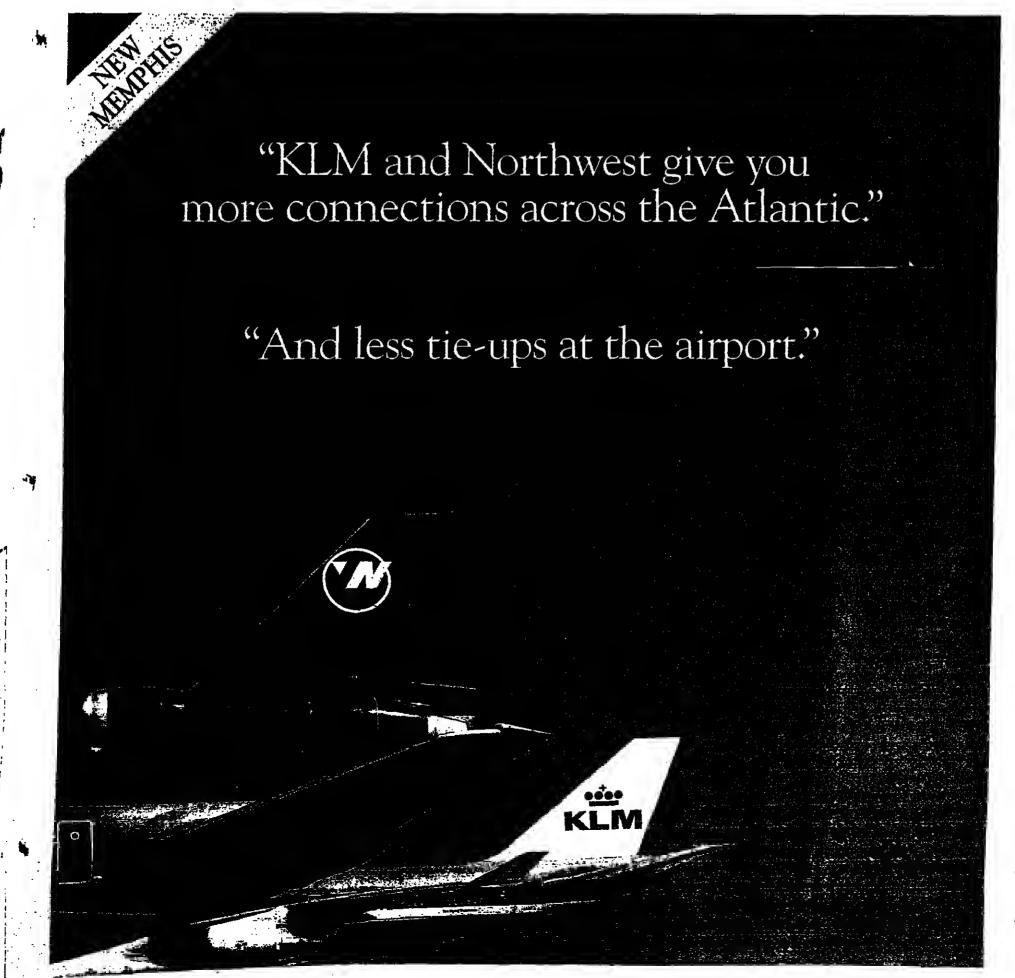
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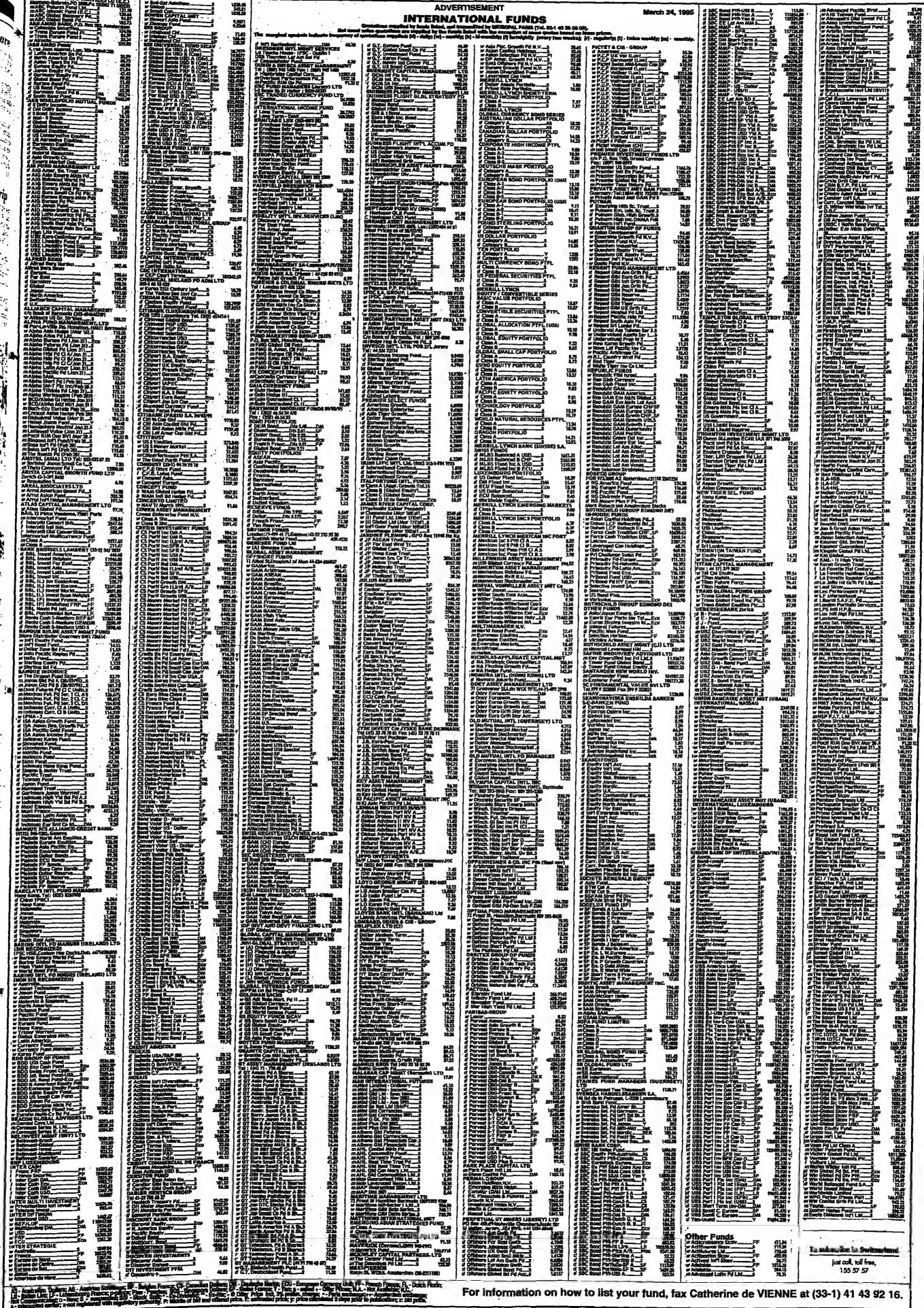
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Sample Back

KANSAS CITY, Missouri --Arkansas, the defending national champion, went for Virginia's jugular, as only it can, and rode the result back to the

By Ken Denlinger

Washington Post Service

"They have a reckless abandon to the ball, a tenacity you really can't teach," one of the Cavaliers' forwards, Junior Burrough, said after the Razorbacks tightened their defense midway into the second half and pulled away to a 68-61 victory in the NCAA tournament's Midwest Region final. "I doo't think we gave into it, but sooner or later the way they play is going to overwhelm you."

Arkansas (31-6) will meet the Southeast Region champion, North Carolina, in ooe national semifinal Saturday in Seattle.

The Razorbacks actually cut their self-proclaimed "40 minutes of hell" in half, but they hecame uniquely relentless down the stretch in each balf, and took control for good in the final five minutes.

"It reminded me of the Razorbacks of yesteryear," said their coach, Nolan Richardson. "Our defense took over the game. Scotty Thurman hit from the ozone - and when things were going bad we went to The Deliverer," forward Corliss

Thurman did not score during the first 16-plus minutes, but ended with 17 points on clutch shooting at critical moments of each half. Williamson and three times fed teammates stretch.

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida -

Former U.S. Opeo champioo Lee Janzen

won the Players Championship with a final

round of 1-under-par 71 that edged Bern-

Janzen finished at 5-under 283 while Langer, the overnight co-leader, shot 73. The German golfer sank an 18-foot putt for birdie on the final bole to break out of a tie

Corey Pavin, who led or shared the lead after each of the first three rounds, shot 74

and tied for third with Gene Sauers (68) and

Payne Stewart (72), the man Janzen beat at

stroke behind Langer and Pavin after having

vaulted into contention with a third-round

he would cede the lead to Langer for several holes oo the froot nice, an 18-foot birdie

putt on the ninth put him ahead for good.
Conditions had been difficult all week,

with narrower fairways than in the past,

added rough, rock hard greens, and stroog

The course played 19 strokes tougher if measured by Greg Norman's winning score of

Janzen began the round in third place, a

Janzen took the lead for the first time with

Baltusrol in 1993 to win the U.S. Open.

69 when only two players broke 70.

hard Langer by a stroke.

for second place.

for easy baskets during the secoud-half surge,

The Razorbacks took the lead for good with 10:03 left on a 3-point shot by the reserve swingmao Davor Rimac. A three-pointer by Thurman, four points from point guard Corey Beck and an in-traffic assist by Williamson helped provide a 62-49 lead with 2:47 left.

Arkansas did not cause an inordinate oumber of obvious errors with its pressure, although Virginia point guard Harold Deane and forward Ja-son Williford each had three turnovers in the second half.

"But they made us rush our passes," said Deane. "They do a good job trapping, run two and three guys at the ball."

It also burt that Deane and freshman guard Curtis Staples were just 5 for 19 on 3-pointers, while Deane and Williford missed eight of 15 free throws.

Defense and nerves were obvious early. Thurman and Beck each missed completely with a shot, Williamson committed an offensive foul and Arkansas mustered just four points the first six minutes. But those were two more than Virginia (25-9) got, as Staples shot two airballs and Deane one.

After Arkansas pulled ahead on Rimac's three-pointer, Virginia stayed within striking distance. Crucial was a loose-ball play with 3:40 left, when Williamson controlled the ball enough for the officials to allow him to call a time-out.

When play resumed, Williamson fed Beck for a lay-up, and Arkansas scored six of the had 21 points on just 13 shots, next eight points. During that

Langer said.

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close to \$25 million.

weeks away.

a 15-foot birdie on the second hole. Though years and paying him a sum believed to be

24-under in 1994, and 30 strokes tougher for "Unibody" designs: one-piece graphite clubs the Australian, who finished 6-over this time.

To Take Players Championship

Janzen Beats Langer by a Stroke Baseball Strike

Langer got just two pars on the froot nine,

and his total for the day was six pars, six

birdies, five bogeys and a double bogey. He

sank two hirdie putts of over 40 feet, but

missed a two-footer for bogey on the 14th.

"It was very up and down, like a yo-yo."

His second place, however, may be a warning of good play to come. In 1985 he finished seventh here, then woo the Masters.

Two years ago he finished second to Nick

Price at the Players, and two weeks later picked up his secood green jacket from Au-

And the year's first major is less than two

• The 3-year-old Atrigon Golf Co. of Camarillo, California, has woo a bidding war for Nick Price, signing up the world's

top-ranked golfer to use its clubs for 10

How did Atrigoo snag Price when better-

known companies such as Taylor Made,

Cobra, ProGroup and Maruman couldn't?

Said Atrigon founder David Fernandez:

It certainly makes unusual clubs.

Atrigon, a division of Dasia Corp., an aerospace company, is different because of its

"We think we make good clubs."

#### UMass Wilts in Second Half

By George Willis
New York Times Service

Jersey — If ever a team appeared halftime of their East Regional final against Massachusetts.

Through a grueling 20 min-utes, the fourth-seeded Cowboys had limited second-seeded UMass to 28.6 percent shooting from the field and had held Marcus Camby and Lou Roe to nine points for the first balf. It Coach Eddie Sutton's brand of basketball at its best, except for two problems.

Despite all that hard work, the scoreboard had UMass leading by 32-27, and the Cowboys had some potentially serious foul problems.

a second left in the half. Forward Scott Pierce, whose task was to bang bodies with Roe, already was saddled with his third personal. Furthermore, Pierce was in need of some dental work after a cap was knocked off his left front tooth, courtesy of an elbow by the driving UMass point guard Derek Kellogg.

where you step it up or quit."

There were no clean shots without body contact." Calipari said. "That's the way they play

an offensive factor. And if any team wore down, it was UMass, EAST RUTHERFORD, New and physical defensive effort that carned the Cowboys a 68-54 victory and a trip to Seattle ripe for the picking it was the 54 victory and a trip to Seattle Oklahoma State Cowboys at for the Final Four. Oklahoma State (27-9) will play the West Regional champion, UCLA (29-2), on Saturday in a national semifinal.

"We got beat a lot of differ-ent ways today," said John Ca-lipari, coach of the Minutemen, who saw his team's halftime lead erased early in the second half. They played very physical and they banged us. They did what they had to do to win. We just didn't do enough on the offensive end."

The Cowboys, who will be making their fifth trip to the Final Four and their first since ous foul problems.

Their top reserve, Chanti
Roberts, was whistled for his
fourth foul with three-tenths of
a second left in the half. Foring UMass (29-5) to its worst shooting game of the season,

Thanks to Reeves' 7-foot (2.13-meter), 292-pound (132-kilogram) presence in the middle, and appressive reinforcement from Pierce, Roberts and Terry Collins, UMass missed 42 shots, making 16 of 58. Roe and Camby were a combined 5 of 21, with Roe finishing with 9 Everything seemed set for a second-half UMass romp.

"There's always a point in life points and Camby with 6.

matter what happens, we're go and they did a good job of it. They beat us to every loose ball That is exactly what the Coward rebound. That's how we boys proceeded to do in aston- win games. Take that away ishing and convincing fashion. from us and we don't get Camby and Roe never became enough baskets."

**Moves to Court** 

NEW YORK - The National Labor

Relations Board went to federal court

Monday to seek an injunction against

the owners of major league baseball,

while negotiators for management and the striking players were due back at the bargaining table Monday night.

But with just six days left before the

make any major changes from their last

The NLRB, in a rare Sunday session,

voted by 3-2 in Washingtoo to seek the

in U.S. District Court in New York.

"We hope to be in a position to request

The players have said they will end

season starts," he said.

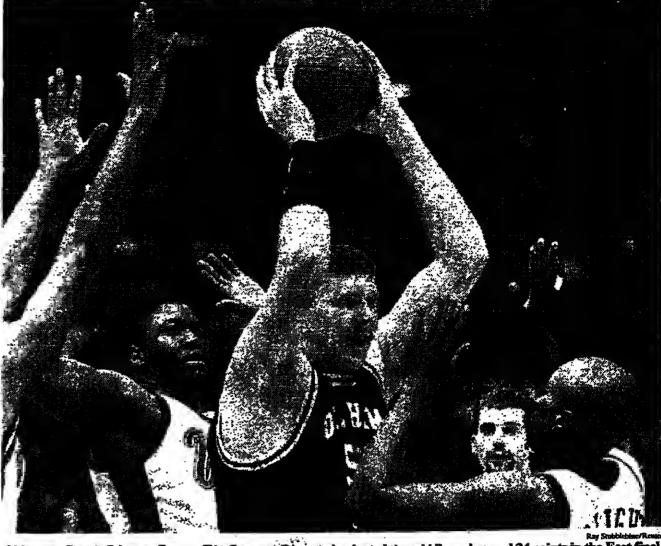
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Oklahoma State's 7-footer, Bryant (Big Country) Reeves, dominated the middle and scored 24 points in the East final.

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the walkout if a judge issues the injunction, which would restore salary arbitration, free agent bidding and anti-collu-Many owners are in favor of locking out the players if the union ends the strike without an agreement. It is unclear if they can get the necessary 21

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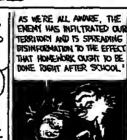
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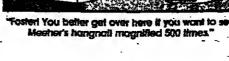


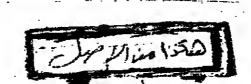
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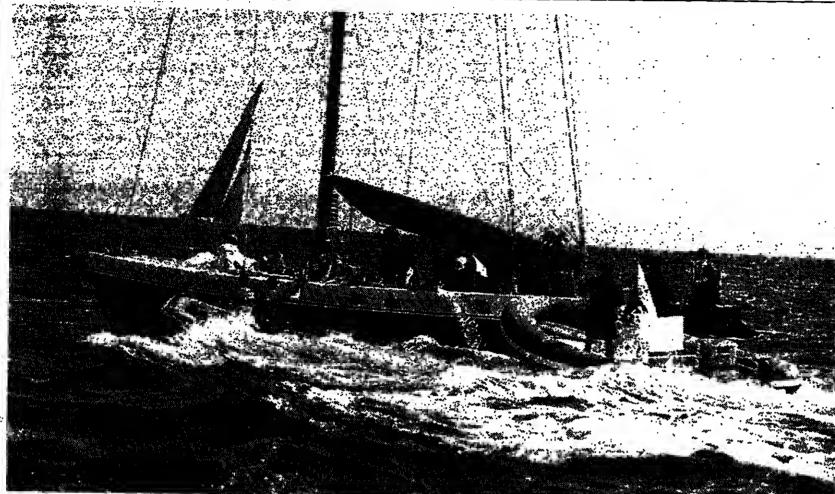


# BLONDIE









The crew of the Stars & Stripes pumped out water as tender boats came to their aid after the yacht's keel apparently was damaged during the race.

# Stars & Stripes Joins the Cup's Sad Sunday Club

SAN DIEGO - Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes has become the latest casualty in the demolition derby otherwise known as the America's Cup.

The 75-foot (23-meter) racing sloop took on water, apparently because of damage to its keel, and was forced out of Sunday's semifinal race against Young

Preliminary indications were that the damage was in the area of the keel box, where the keel is bolted to the hull, although the cause and the extent of the problem could not be determined until the boat was taken out of the water...

"At this point, all I can tell you is it's a serious problem, and certainly not one we were looking forward to," Conner manly possible to make sure we're out three points, and they are to go head-to-there Tuesday." head twice more in the semifinals.

Conner, who has won the America's Cup three times and lost it once, has a one-point lead over the America' syndicate's Mighty Mary for the final spot in the defender finals. Stars & Stripes had a Mary on Tuesday. Repair time would depend on the se-

verity of the damage, because the carbon-fiber hulls of the racers require cur-

With unbeaten Team New Zealand virtually assured of a finals berth and semifinals, the battle for the second fisaid. We're going to do everything hu- and Tag Heuer Challenge. Each now has

Team New Zealand, which has six points, defeated Nippon by the huge margin of 3 minutes, 54 seconds.

In wind of about 11 knots, Stars &

ayday on Monday and is to race Mighty about 16 seconds on the upwind third all know, I don't swim. I would have leg and approaching the halfway point when it suddenly slowed,

Conner said no one on deck heard a noise, but that Wally Henry, who was ing whenever repairs are made.

As the crew of Stars & Stripes bailed out their boat, Young America continued to sail around the course and be
below deck packing a sail, reported that the boat was taking on water.

"I didn't really hear what he said, but it was said in such a tone that it got our

came the first syndicate to reach the Citizen Cup defender finals.

And oneAustralia was winning a crucial match against Tag Heuer Challenge, by 40 seconds, to draw even in the contest for a place in the challenger finals.

Was an an in the day, "Conner said.

Young America's skipper, Kevin Mahaney, said his crewmen reported that Stars & Stripes appeared to hit a wave awkwardly while tacking earlier.

The crew of the Stars & Stripes dropped

the sails and began bailing with buckets. Pumps were brought aboard from the Nippon winless with no points in the team's tender and a U.S. Coast Guard

Conner said that once the pumps were layed its competitive debut by two days. going he didn't think there was any

danger of sinking.
"I couldo't say anytime you're taking that kind of water on, that you're very comfortable," he said. But, he added, if the leak had been more serious "it would Stripes was trailing Young America by have gotten my attention because as you

Cup, and Sundays have proven to be especially bad days for the yachts. On March 5, oneAustralia's new boat broke in two and sank during a race, while France 3's mast was snapped in two,

been looking for that tender myself."

This has been the most destructive

regatta in the 144 years of the America's

Mighty Mary sustained hull damage and Stars & Stripes had rigging problems.
On March 12, Young America sustained serious hull damage when a large wave hit it while the boat was being towed out for practice. Repairs were

finished just six hours before the start of the semifinals on March 18. team's tender and a U.S. Coast Guard In an earlier mishap, freak winds vessel. Flotation buoys were attached to the hull and to the top of the mast.

In an earlier mishap, freak winds rocked Young America in its storage cradle, causing serious damage that de-

The French syndicate's first boat, France 2, was dropped by a crane onto the asphalt floor of the compound in early December, punching the keel up through the deck. Then, while on a training run with France 3 on Feb. 20, it lost its keel and capsized. (AP, Reuters)

# **Schumacher and Coulthard Are Disqualified for Fuel**

#### **FIA Declares** Berger Winner

SAO PAULO, Brazil - The defending Formula One cham-pion, Michael Schumacher, and David Coulthard, who finished first and second in the season opening Brazilian Grand Prix on Sunday, have been disquali-

fied for using improper fuel. Gerhard Berger, who came in third in a Ferrari, was declared the winner of the race.

The International Automohile Federation said stewards had received a report from technicians who tested the fuel and decided to "inflict the penalty of exclusion" of the cars.

Both the Benetton-Renault team, for which Schumacher drives, and Coulthard's Wiliams-Renault team said they The fuel for both teams is

supplied by the French company Elf. It also supplies five othteams, but none were found to have used improper fuel. Elf said samples of the fuel to be used for the race had been

provided to FIA according to the regulations, and that it would await the results of further analysis of the fuel before making any further comment. Martin Whitaker, a federa-

tion spokesman, said fuel samples from Schumacher's and Coulthard's cars had been sent to São Paulo and would he retested in Europe.

The Benetton and Williams teams were each fined \$30,000 before the race for using fuel during practice and qualifying that FIA said did not match the chemical pattern, or "finger-print," of the sample it had been given before the season.

The teams were not accused of using illegal or performanceenhancing fuels. All the cars are

the race hut it passed the test. Renault involved because 1 We have now given notice didn't think they would do of appeal. We have seven days this."

in which to decide exactly what

Schumacher making fuel stop: A bad "fingerprint,"

spokesperson for Williams, told said. "You can get 20 to 30

now up to the team principals, alone,
"By the time the FIA made Col the decision, most people were on their way home. So it really is a matter of deciding what to do. But we do have seven days

to decide." "We have to say, from a team point of view, we are very much in the hands of the suppliers," Bradshaw added. "We are called upon to give samples at the start of the season. They gave the fuel samples, but the ones they took didn't comply.

It's a technical matter." Berger, the Austrian driver now required to use fuel that who was declared the winner of conforms to the description of the race, said that he was "very The Mobil fuel of Mark don't feel sorry for Michael or Blundell, the British driver for David hecause cheating is McLaren, was also tested after cheating. But I am sorry it is

"Violation of the rules on to do," Ann Bradshaw, a fuel is no small matter," Berger

BBC Radio 5 Live. "Really it is horsepower more that way

Coulthard, having arrived hack in London, said he was hugely disappointed at his disqualification, but added: "I haven't heard of anything being confirmed so I obviously need to speak to the team."

Schumacher was unavailable for comment, but Heiner Buchlinger, who acts as the German driver's spokesman, said, "The teams rely on what Elf says, and, anyway. Michael Schumacher does not put the Iuel in the car so he cannot be

"The Elf people are quite confident that the fuel is ac-cording to the rules," Buchlinger said. "They think the

testing methods were wrong." Schumacher took the lead in the 30th lap, after Coulthard's teammate. Damon Hill, spurt out while leading the race.

Earlier this season, he was

fined \$2,100 for throwing a ball

(AP, Reuters)

#### Tyson Remains Secluded, **But Rumors Rush Forth**

SOUTHINGTON, Ohio - The former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, having gotten out of prison, has so far continued to remain out of the public eye.

Tyson did not acknowledge the supporters, reporters and photographers outside his home when he arrived at the 66acre estate in northeast Ohio, and he was not seen Sunday. Meanwhile, a steady stream of cars passed by the property, some passengers videotaping the home as eight county sheriff's deputies kept traffic moving.

Reports that Tyson had been married the day before his release to Monica Turner, the 28-year-old medical student who is his new girlfriend, were dismissed by Phil Slavens, the assistant superintendent at the Indiana Youth Center. "It did not happen, at least there was no official ceremony that

I was aware of," Slavens said. "And I would know about it." Other reports said Tyson had had a falling out with Don King, and had sent the promoter packing. But since Tyson wasn't talking, no one knew for sure.

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#### **SIDELINES**

#### **Experts Doubt Cocaine Killed Lewis**

BOSTON (AP) - At least five of the eight specialists who assisted in Reggie Lewis's autopsy reportedly doubt that cocaine caused the fatal scarring of the Boston Celtics' captain's heart. All five ruled out cocainc use as the most likely cause, but they couldn't agree on whether the scars were caused by the simple virus. Adenovirus IL listed as the cause of death on Lewis's death

certificate, The Boston Globe reported Monday. Earlier, the team reported that the banner bearing Lewis's number, 35, along with Larry Bird's 33, Kevin McHale's 32 and Dennis Johnson's 3, had vanished Saturday night or Sunday morning from the rafters of Boston Garden. Lewis's number was retired in a ceremony Wednesday night; the team said it had no leads in the disappearance.

#### For the Record

Berhane Daine and Jetenesh Tamirat, two promising 17-year-old runners; 21-year-old Ethiopian teammate Askale Bereda and an assistant coach, Almaz Wondsferhn, have disappeared in Britain after taking part in the World Cross Country Champion-

Manchester United is not considering selling French striker Eric Cantons to Inter Milan, a club official said. (AP)

#### By Jere Longman

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina — Diego Maradona may be out of a soccer uniform, but he can hardly stay out of the news: the night Argentina's un-der-23 team was playing for a gold medal at the Pan American Games, the most urgent soccer news concerned Maradona's continued flamboyant self-de-

struction. This country's most celebrated and disgraced sports star is at present fighting both to keep his joh as coach of the Racing team in Buenos Aires and to remain out of jail for an incident a year ago in which he is alleged to have fired an air rifle at a group of reporters.

Last summer, he was suspended from the World Cup in the United States and banned from international soccer for 15 months after failing a drug test. Still, he will be forever known

ere as the star of Argentina's 1986 World Cup champions, the best player of his genera-tion. Maradona has achieved such heroic status at age 34 that he continues to move easily in all circles of Argentine society. He recently spent time in mourning with President Carlos

Saul Menem over the death of the president's son in a helicopter crash. Then he showed up at this oceanside resort and posed for pictures and signed autographs at a paddle-tennis exhi-

He was in the company of his former manager, Guillermo

The latest problems began when Maradona failed to show up in Buenos Aires to coach Racing in a match against Huracan. He told club officials that he had wrenched his back the day before while playing paddle

tennis here in Mar Del Plata. He appeared paunchy and

#### 'Maybe half the population will forgive him anything.

Maradona: In Trouble, but Ever in Favor

Pablo Davis, a professor of Latin American history

has been investigated in connection with the murder of a Buenos Aires nightcluh owner and has been accused but not convicted of supplying cocaine to soccer players.

"Maybe half the population will forgive him anything," said Pablo Davis, an assistant professor of Latin American history at Franklin and Marshall University in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who is on research leave in Buenos Aires.

"Each time something happens, it erodes his image little oy little, Still, his core support is

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Coppola, a husinessman who out of shape as he ate lunch before the exhibition with his wife. Claudia, and his former manager, Coppola.

> Maradona's no-show was the latest in a series of emharrassments since he took over the Racing team in January. On March 12, he grew upset with a referee during a match and tossed water at the line judge, resulting in his ejection.

If coaches remove players for poor play, then referees should be removed for poor refereeing, Maradona said. The Argentine soccer federation was not im-

at a player from the rival Independiente team and calling the referee "a good for nothing." suggesting that "a couple bot-tles of wine" had clouded Lamolina's judgment. Last week, Maradona missed practice on Tuesday and arrived for the final 10 minutes on Wednesday. Aside from professional

problems, Maradona is also mired in legal problems. A court in Buenos Aires is hearing evidence regarding the incident on Feh. 3, 1994, when a group of journalists went to interview Maradona at his country home, and he was said to have fired upon them with an air rifle, wounding several. He has volunteered to perform community service rather than serve a jail sentence of up to three years.

Still, as Maradona ate lunch at an outdoor case here, the faithful formed an autograph chorus near his table or sau nearby in awe and admiration.

"I don't agree with his behavior, hut I like him," said Michael Lopez, who sat at the next table. "It's not a rational feeling. I couldn't hate him. He's an

so strong that when the national pressed, and threatened him team plays, no matter how good a player is, the response is, 'Yes, with a 16-match suspension. which he avoided hy agreeing to important person for our counbut he's not Maradona.' pay a fine of \$3,360. FRANKFURT of crees. Escort Service. Tol. 069-473294 LUGANO - ZURICH INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFIED (Continued From Page 4)

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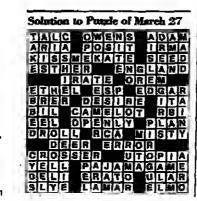
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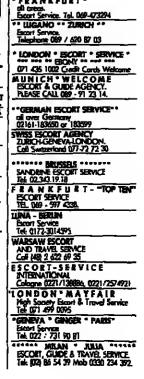
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#### Talk Show Hosts Wanted

talk show hosts who are not too mentally balanced.

Derish Wolff, a radio talent agent, said, "The nuttier the host, the higher the ratings, I have a station in San Francisco

that's looking for someone sicker than Mad Dog Blossom of Whoohoo in Billings, Mon-

"No one is sieker thao Mad Dog," I told Derish.

Buchwald "Isn't he the one who told his listeners to go outside in Billings with no clothes on and scream at TV weathermen, 'I'm sick and tired of snow and I'm not going to the phones light up on that take it any more"?"

"That wasn't what got him fired. He lost his job when he announced that all household pets had termites and warned parents not to let children play with their dogs. He may have been controversial but he had

"The station wants someone on the political right. All the radio ratings are coming from the conservatives these days. I'm looking for a right-winger who's oot afraid to call the liberals weak-kneed, thumb-sucking knee-jerks who want to take

#### An Encore for Barnes Show?

The Associated Press PHILADELPHIA - An at-

torney for the Barnes Foundation was reported by a oewspaper here to have asked a judge for permission for the foundatioo's exhibit of French Impressiomst paintings to make a final stop at Munich's Haus der Kunst. The show has been on world tour for two years.

WASHINGTON — The ra-assault weapons out of the dio stations are now school lunch program and rescouring the land in search of place them with condoms. I want someone who wouldn't hesitate to telephone Hillary Clinton and ask her if Newt Gingrich was politically correct to call her the 'B' word. I'd like a commentator who believes in God and is not squeamish about shooting doctors who perform abortions."

"Do you have any candidates

in mind?" I asked Derish. "I'm talking to Jock Itch Paul from Albany this afternoon. He's known as a mud-slinging big mouth audiences love to hate, and his ratings are fantastic. Last week he suggested that everyone with a private airplane fly to Washington and land on the White House lawn to protest President Clinton's choice for surgeon general. Boy, did

"You mean from his listen-

"No. from the Secret Service. Two of them said that they were going to go to Albany and punch him in the oose."

"Radio sure has changed since the days of Jack Benny and Bob Hope."

"The only commentators the radio-station owners are really searching for are those with bad breath and no brains. They seem to attract those listeners, stuck bumper to bumper in rush-hour traffic, who like to hear someone beat up on the homeless and people in the United States who doo't speak good English. Hate sells advertising, and I can't get enough G. Gordon Liddys to meet the demand.

"If I started to spread hate, could I have my own show?" Derish shook his head. "You

may say that you despise cermembers of the human race, but you're no Pat Buchan-

# From Eastwood, Something Completely Different

By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service

OS ANGELES — Clint Eastwood appeared. He filled the whole doorway of his office hungalow. He wore a shiny maroon golf shirt, old blue pants hiked up high on his waist and black rubber loafers. "Hi," he said,

He had a curious shamanlike power. He was a leopardlike creature who rode in on the tail of a comet.

He was a graceful, hard, male animal who did nothing overtly to dominate yet dominated completely. He was a prairie wind you could ride

like some temple virgin toward the sweet, compliant fires marking the soft curve of oblivion.

But enough wallowing, or Wallering, in the overripe prose of "The Bridges of Madisoo County." Clint Eastwood, who was to be hooored Monday night at the Oscars with the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award, is brioging Robert James Waller's huge best seller to the screen in June.

He will trade in his spurs for the sandals of Robert Kincaid, the shamanlike, leopardlike, prairie-wind-like photographer who falls for Fran-cesca Johnson, an Italian-born Iowa farmer's wife.

Francesca, played with dark hair and — oo doubt — another perfect accent by Meryl Streep, senses that her lover is a "half-man, half-something-else creature." He is, io Waller's portrait, a vegetarian who wears a bracelet, names his truck, tacks up favorite words ("hlue," "woodsmoke") on the wall, writes ditzy metaphysical essays and poetry ("Before I became a man, I was an arrow") and, in the heat of passion, murmurs lines like this: "I am the highway and a peregrine and all the

sails that ever went to sea." Iso't this the sort of guy Dirty Harry wouldn't have even bothered to shoot?

Eastwood frowned a bit and languidly moved his Modigliani legs around, trying to find a comfortable place for them under, oo top of or beyood the glass coffee table in his office at Malpaso Productions on the Warner lot in Burbank, The 64-year-

removed from his usual cadre of emotionally spare rebels.

"He is a vegetarian, but he's smoking all the way through the thing," Eastwood said in that famous voice, a mixture of caress and threat. "He's lighting up Camels all the time, and they're drinking beer all the time. He was a guy who was maybe a little more New Age. He's sort of an aging hippie, you know.

"He's traveling on these jobs in mid-America, and he meets that one woman. And everybody likes to think that there are moments in time when two people can just jell in the

best possible way." With Sharon Stone doing Clint Eastwood in her turn as a sneering, tacitum gunslinger in "The Quick and the Dead," it was perhaps inevitable that Clint Eastwood would go as soft and fuzzy as Alan Alda.

"I know a score of actors who would avoid exposing their emotions the way he does in this movie," Streep said. "He was very raw. I was shocked. I think he's just reached a point in his life where he doesn't give

The actor who made a career out of hlowing away bad guys says he enjoyed losing control in the tale of a man "desperately in love." His long-time press agent, Joe Hyams, said that it was weird to watch a rough cut of the film. "Clint has kissed ladies before — he kissed that nice woman in 'In the Line of Fire' - hut this is a serious romance," Hyams said.

Eastwood said. "There are a lot more men that are romantics than I think people give them credit for."

Is he ooe? "Yeah." he said. "I enjoy a fantasy thing like that." His idea of a romantic evening? "I

like atmosphere, candlelight, a nice glass of wine, good music." Is there a woman present?

He laughed. "Once in a while I call someone," he said, "and tell her You should have been here. I was oever better than tonight."

What is most noticeable is his stillness. He laughs easily, which is startling, since he hardly ever laughs in his movies. He looks laid-back, but



Eastland and Streen on the set of "Bridges of Madison County."

He has the cool economy of his characters, scorning the traditional excesses of Hollywood — from ille-gal drugs to hloated budgets to warped egos. He hrags that he has the same brown curtains and condescript beige office furniture that the gny who had the bungalow before him left behind two decades ago. "We may have had it re-covered coce," he said, foully patting the nubby cotton couch.

While other hig-name actors seem to work hard at projecting a certain image, Eastwood seems casual about his stardom. He once compared his shock at getting famous to waking up

there is also something coiled about with an "ugly hooker." Now he has a him, a watchfulness.

He has the cool economy of his status as an example of the status as a stat ry ment that when I was on the far outside and I sure as heck don't

worry about it now," he said. He rarely watches his movies, except to catch a few moments of ones he likes on television, to see how they are holding up. And, like Cary Grant, he says he will stop acting

when he no longer likes seeing that guy up on the screen.

Professionally, the man once scorned by the Hollywood clite as too right-wing and lowbrow continues to pile up accorded to the beautiful to the book and she's seeing that magazine tweaked: "Sex objects (don't laugh) Meryl Streep, Clint Eastwood."

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utan in "Every Which Way But Loose" in 1978 — and as a feminist director. Two years ago, he won Oscars for best picture and best director

for "Unforgiven."
The Thaiberg award he was to receive Monday night has been given in the past to such producers as David O. Selznick, Walt Disney, Alfred

Hitchcock, Steven Spielberg and George Lucas.
Perhaps, by reshaping Waller's
New Age cowboy in his own leanimage, Eastwood is hoping to capture the one honor that has eluded him - an Oscar for acting. It has been a gradual transformation from the cigarillo-smoking, dirty-poncho-wearing Man With No Name and the flinty, squinty Dirty Harry to the romantic lead for the middle-aged

version of "Love Story." Eastwood had already made what the movie historian David Thomson called "welcome departures from male supremacy" — the 1980 film "Bronco Billy" and the 1982 "Hon-kytonk Man." (In those films, Eastwood played a New Jersey shoe clerk and an aging alcoholic country singer, respectively.) The actor has always preferred spunky female leads, because they make better foils for his mureconstructed (but secretly

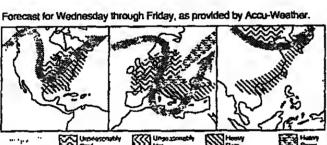
sensitive) males.
"I loved the actresses from the '30s and '40s - Barbara Stanwyck, Rosaimd Rossell, Bette Davis," he said. They all had great voices, and they weren't afraid to be salty."

His Secret Service agent in the hit 1993 thriller "In the Line of Fire" was a big jump on the evolutionary scale, the kind of gny who played "As Time Goes By" on the piano, sniffled helplessly with the flu and offered to give up his career for the woman he loved. Now the actor has gone that final step, as the star and director of "Bridges," a purely sentimental mov-

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ON the eve of the Oscars, suspense of another sort was ended with the award of the Razzies, for those judged to have achieved the year's low points in the moviemaker's art. Kevin Costner was a double winner, hailed as worst actor for his role in "Wyatt Earp," and as the film's producer in the category of worst remake or sequel. Sharon Stone also was twice honored: worst actress in "Intersection," and as half of worst screen couple for her pairing with Sylvester Staffore in "The Specialist." In the latter category, Stone and Stallone shared worst-couple honors with Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt, for "Interview With the Vampire." O.J. Simpson, adding to his other problems, "won" for worst supporting actor in "Naked Gun 33%," which also. produced worst new star, Anna Nicole Smith. The Razzie for worst supporting efforts in three movies, "Exit to Eden,"
"The Flimtstones" and "Car 54, Where Are

Rock 'n' roll notes: It's official. The feud' that broke up the Beatles in 1970 is over. Yoko Ono and Paul McCartney have put aside their differences and made a recording with their families in a "gesture of peace."

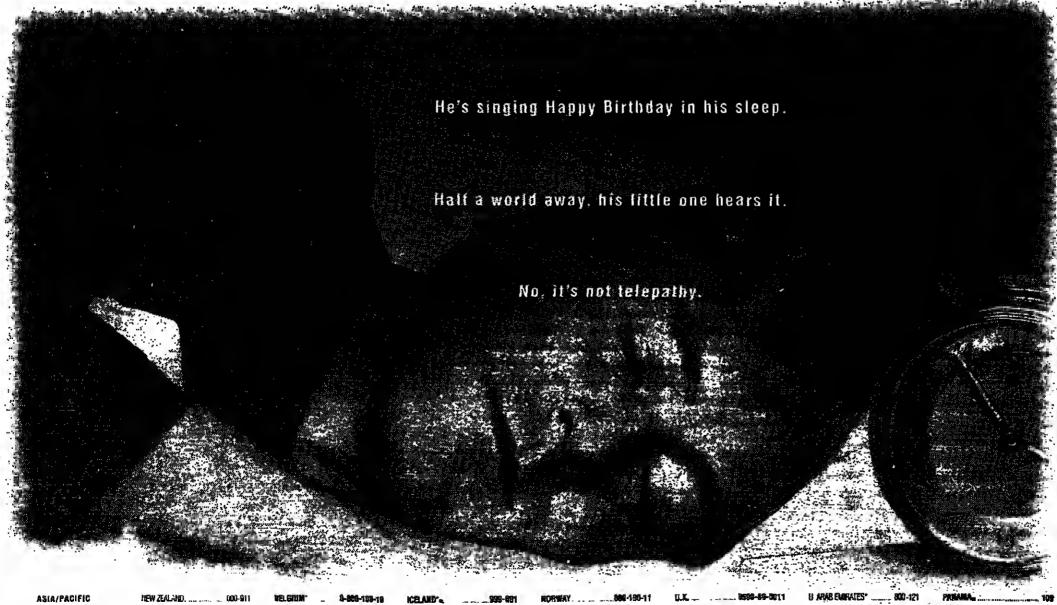
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One and McCartney recorded "Hiroshima Sky Is Always Bine," accompanied by McCartney's wife Linda, three daughters and son, and Ono's son Sean Lennon. Ono gave McCartney permission to use some of John Leanou's unfinished songs. . . . Ed-

die Vedier, lead singer of Pearl Jam, was rescued from rough surf at an Auckland, New Zealand, beach over the weekend. Ede Davis, the lifeguard who pulled the singer out, said he hadn't realized he was rescuing someone famous. "We are volunteers operating on a shoestring budget." Davis said, adding wistfully that a small donation would have helped us along."

Prince Lindes is going into the herbal and dunk business to raise money for his channes. Fire drinks, called Ducky No. 1 (a blend of apple and raspherry juice, edler-flower and sage) and Ducky No. 3 (apple and pear juice, with femel), will be made in part from fruits grown on his estates. Concelle in the United and Cadlinny Schwennes. Cola in the United and Cadbury Schweppes in Britain will bottle the nonalcoliolic spar-

Letters written by Catherine the Great to be auctioned in London, give a glimpse of her love life. In one letter, written in 1778 to Ivan Nikolayevich Rimsky-Koraskov. captain in the palace guards, she speaks of her urge to see him and of a "little scrap of snipped-off underwear," a souvenir of their



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